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This month...

I've been searching out the best Christmas gift and decoration patterns for your bonus mag, Festive Knits. I also show you a few time-saving technique on page 34.

My favourite project in this issue is...

Yuletide, Lucinda Ganderton's festive crocheted bunting on page 22. I really want to make my own decorations this year!



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This month...

I've been researching the best time-saving tips, with a little help from renowned speed knitter, Hazel Tindall. (Time-saving Knitting Tips, p32)

My favourite project in this issue is...

Sway by Georgeanne Cauchi (p24). The stitch pattern is simply beautiful, and the gold yarn is perfect for Christmas.



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This month...

I've been collecting beautiful yarns for our Lap of Luxury shopping feature (page 40), which includes some amazing Arctic Quiviut.

My favourite project in this issue is...

Derek the snowman on page 17 - I always love Val Pierce's toys, but Derek is just so snuggly that I might have to make him myself!

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When it comes to **Christmas knitting**

it definitely pays to get started as early as possible. For many people this is their **favourite** part of the knitting year - not only can you show off your enviable skills in the form of **knitted gifts**, but it's also the perfect excuse to put all other chores on hold while you indulge in your favourite hobby. Our **48-page bonus booklet** has a great selection of gifts to knit for all the family. All are speedy, simple makes, so get started now and you can cross a whole bunch of **loved-ones** off your shopping list. This will also give you time to knit some unique decorations to adorn your **home** this Christmas, including, of course, the delightful Robbie Robin! Find him on page 5 of the book.

The Knitting & Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace is one of our favourite dates in the knitting **calendar** and it takes place on 10th-13th October. Turn to page 57 for news on some of the companies you'll find exhibiting and be in with a chance to win tickets.

Talking of winning, don't miss our **'12 Giveaways of Christmas'** spectacular on page 58 - there are prizes worth over £2000 up for grabs!

Happy knitting



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After an outstanding result last year, Save the Children are hosting another Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13 December. People from all over the country are encouraged to wear a festive jumper to support the cause. The suggested donation is only £1, which could buy food or antibiotics to quite literally save a child. Turn to page 34 of your Festive Knits book to find out what's coming up this year. Call 020 7012 6400 or visit www.christmasjumperday.org to get involved.



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this Christmas we LOVE

Where to go and what to knit this Christmas

OUT&about More events this Christmas

♥ 26th Oct KNIT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
Nicola Valiji of Knitola will be on hand at Crafty Days in Saffron Walden for this workshop. www.knitola.co.uk, www.crafty-days.co.uk or call 01799 218429

♥ 2nd Nov KNITTED CHRISTMAS STOCKING
Sarah Hazell will be at Guthrie & Ghani in Birmingham to teach a workshop on knitting Christmas stockings. www.guthrie-ghani.co.uk or call 0121 449 8419

♥ 30th Nov XMAS TREE KNITS
Katherine Lymer's workshop on knitting for your tree will be at The Bead Shop Scotland in Haddington. www.knittingwithkatherine.com, www.beadshopscotland.co.uk or call 01620 822886

A FESTIVE TICKET FAIR GIVEAWAY

Country Living

Magazine are hosting their annual Christmas Fair in London, Harrogate, and Glasgow. If you attended last year, you'll remember what a huge success it was, and how many fantastic stands there were. This year, even more exhibitors are going to be there, fulfilling all your festive needs from food and interiors, to gifts and decorations. The fair will be in the capital from 30 October - 3 November, in Glasgow from 21-24 November, and in Harrogate from 28 November - 1 December. For more information, visit www.countrylivingfair.com



30TH OCT-1ST DEC

Christmas by CANDLELIGHT

Take a step back in time this Christmas to explore the ancient world of knitting. The Framework Knitters Museum will be hosting a fabulous day of festivities complete with food and activities - they even managed to rope in Father Christmas for the day! For more details call 0115 984 6914, or visit www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk

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LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE GARMENT PATTERN

Rebecca

is an on-trend
snowflake *sweater*
by Vicki Brown

Christmas jumpers are all the rage, with patterns from snowflakes to snowmen, penguins to reindeer. This festive red-and-white number is knitted using stranded colourwork techniques across the yoke to create a Nordic-inspired knit. The white snowflake yarn contains a hint of mohair, making the pattern area light and fluffy. Best of all, if you make it in time for December 13th, you can join in with Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day celebrations!

START KNITTING ON P10

ON-TREND
XMAS
JUMPER
STYLE!



MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)

To fit bust (cm):

81 (86, 91, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117)

Finished bust (cm):

82 (86, 92, 97, 103, 111, 119, 122)

Sleeve seam (cm):

45 (45, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48, 48)

Sweater length (cm):

60 (62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, 73)

To back neck (cm):

58 (60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 67, 70)

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Bergere de France (A) Sport, shade 21234 Corrida 8 (9, 10, 11, 11, 12, 13, 13) 50g balls, (B) Norvege, shade 31124 Glacon 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2) 50g balls

Needles: 4mm (60cm) circular, 4mm double-pointed



ABOUT THE YARN

Bergere de France Sport is a brilliant DK yarn in 18 versatile colours. The 51% wool and 49% acrylic blend makes a highly usable yarn which is great for beginners.

Bergere de France Norvege is a 40% acrylic and 40% combed wool yarn, with a dashing of 20% mohair. It has a very light twist, making it wonderfully soft and easy to use.

Need an alternative yarn? For a lighter style, **James C. Brett Pure Merino DK** is a luxuriously soft yarn. Try shades **PM10 Red** and **PM4 White** to match.

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SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

M1R (increase to the right): insert LH needle into back of loop between sts and k into front of sts

M1L (increase to the left): insert LH needle into front of loop between sts and k into the back of the stitch



Bergere de France Sport costs £2.80 per 50g (90m) ball, and

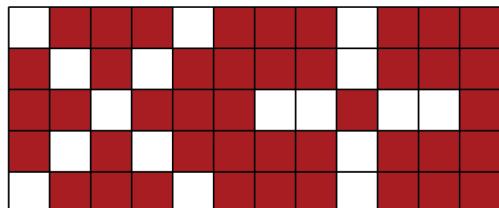
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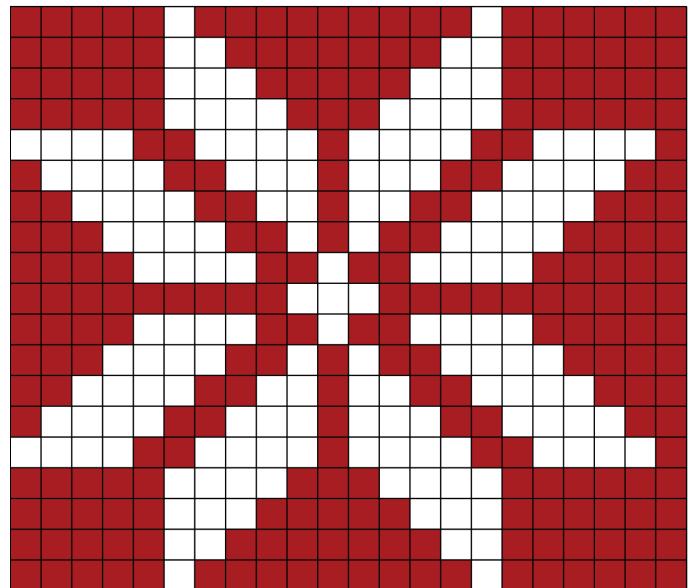


CHART 1



- 5 Next rnd (inc): k1, M1R, k to one st from end, M1L, k1. 42
- 4 (42, 46, 46, 46, 50, 54, 54) sts
- 3 Work last 6 (6, 6, 6, 5, 6, 6, 6) rnds a further 14 (16, 15, 16, 18, 2, 17, 16, 17) times. 70 (74, 76, 78, 18, 82, 84, 86, 88) sts
- 2 Work in st st until Sleeve meas 45 (45, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48, 48) cm from cast-on edge

CHART 2



- 19 Work in st st until Sleeve meas 45 (45, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48, 48) cm from cast-on edge
- 17
- 16
- 15
- 14 Place last 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts of Sleeve before marker
- 13
- 12
- 11
- 10
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1

Joining sleeves and body

- 14 Place last 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts of Sleeve before marker
- 13
- 12
- 11
- 10
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1

These are your underarm sts

- 10 Place last 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts of Body before first marker
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1

These are your underarm sts

- 5 Join yarn after underarm sts on front of Body, k65 (69, 74, 78, 82, 89, 95, 98), place next 13 (13, 14, 14, 16, 17, 18, 18) sts on holder, k across right Sleeve sts, k across back of Body, k across left Sleeve sts, pm to indicate end of rnd. 244 (260, 272, 284, 296, 312, 326, 336) sts

Yoke

- 1 Work in st st for 8 (10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 14, 16) rows

DECREASE RND

(work appropriate size only)

- 1 Size 8: * [k3, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog] four times, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 192 sts
- 2 Size 10: * [k3, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog] nine times, k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 204 sts
- 3 Size 12: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 204 sts
- 4 Size 14: * [(k2, k2tog) four times, k3, k2tog] three times, [k2, k2tog] twice, rep from * to end. 216 sts
- 5 Size 16: * [k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2, k2tog] five times, k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 228 sts
- 6 Size 18: * [k2, k2tog] twice, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 240 sts

to next marker, sm, k1, M1R, k to end. 126 (136, 144, 154, 164, 174, 182, 192) sts

Work Rnd 1 a further 4 (2, 6, 4, 6, 7, 11, 9) times. 134 (140, 156, 162, 176, 188, 204, 210) sts

Next rnd: k

Next rnd: k to one st before second marker, M1L, k1, sm, k to next marker, sm, k1, M1R, k to end. 136 (142, 158, 164, 178, 190, 206, 212) sts

Work last two rnds a further 10 (11, 9, 10, 9, 11, 10, 10) times. 156 (164, 176, 184, 196, 212, 226, 232) sts

Work in st st, removing second and third markers as you come to them, until piece meas 45 (46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 54) cm from cast-on edge

Sleeves (make two)

Using 4mm dpns and yarn A, cast on 40 (40, 44, 44, 44, 48, 52, 52) sts, pm, join for working in the rnd

Work in 2x2 rib for 5cm

Work in st st for 5 (5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5) rnds

Work Rnd 2 a further 5 (3, 7, 5, 7, 8, 12, 10) times. 124 (134, 142, 152, 162, 172, 180, 190) sts

Work in st st for two rnds

"Christmas jumpers are my absolute favourite – have a look at page 34 of your Festive Knits supplement to read all about the recent trend!"



- Size 20: [(k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog) twice, k2, k2tog] 14 times, [k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog] twice. 252 sts
- Size 22: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 198 sts

COLOURWORK

- Work Chart 2

Neck

COLOURWORK

- Work one rnd in st st
- Work Chart 1

DECREASE RND

DECREASE RND
(work appropriate size only)

- Size 8: * [k2, k2tog] four times, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 132 sts
- Sizes 10-12: [k2, k2tog] twice * [k2, k2tog] 11 times, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 154 sts
- Size 14: [k3, k2tog] eight times, * k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 176 sts
- Size 16: * [k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog] ten times, [k2, k2tog] six times, rep from * to end. 176 sts
- Size 18: * [(k4, k2tog) twice, k3, k2tog] 12 times, * k4, k2tog, rep from * to end. 198 sts
- Size 20: * [k3, k2tog] two times, k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 198 sts

COLOURWORK

❑ Work Chart 2

Neck

(work appropriate size only)

- ❑ Work in st st for two rnds
- ❑ Next rnd: k0 (4, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), * k2 (3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1), k2tog, rep from * to end. 99 (124, 124, 132, 132, 132, 132, 132) sts
- ❑ Work in st st for two rnds
- ❑ Size 8 (10, 12): k0 (4, 4, -, -, -, -, -), * k31 (3, 3, -, -, -, -, -), k2tog, rep from * to end. 96 (100, 100, -, -, -, -, -) sts
- ❑ Size (14, 16, 18, 20, 22): * [k3, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog] twice, k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 104 sts
- ❑ Next rnd: k
- ❑ Work in 2x2 rib for 2.5cm
- ❑ Cast off

To make up

Sew together underarm
stitches using Kitchener stitch
(see p91), weave in all ends
and block lightly **LK**



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FAIR ISLE STYLE: As you work each row of stranded Fair Isle, remember to keep passing the new shade over the top of the old when you change colours to avoid holes. Stranded colourwork makes knitwear quite tight, and the shoulder area around the yoke is just where you would usually like some stretch. So always be sure to strand your yarn as loosely as possible!



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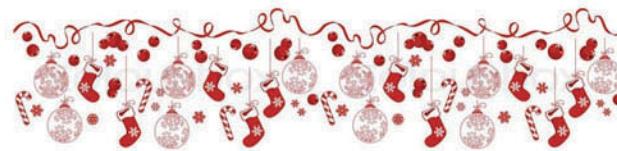
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Sweetshop

by *Amanda Berry* can be made with *your kit* and a few supplies from your *stash!*

This issue you'll have received our Robbie Robin yarn kit but here are two more festive ideas to try. One kit makes either a Gingerbread man and candy cane, or two puddings - one with custard and one without. Don't forget to enter our friendly readers' makes competition by sending us your pics! Find letsknitmag on Facebook and Twitter or get in touch using the contact details on page 3.

START KNITTING HERE

Gingerbread man

NOTE: pattern starts from top of head

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A cast on eight sts

- Row 1: kfb in each st to end. 16 sts
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: kfb in each st to end. 32 sts
- Beg with a p row, work nine rows in st st
- Row 13: (k2tog) to end. 16 sts
- Row 14: p
- Row 15: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Row 16: p
- Row 17: as Row 1. 16 sts
- Row 18: p
- Row 19: (kfb, k1) to end. 24 sts
- Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st
- Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st
- Leave rem 12 sts unworked and complete right leg as follows:
- Beg with a p row, work nine rows in st st
- Row 43: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- With RS facing, rejoin to rem sts and k to end
- Complete as for right leg. Sew inside leg seams, then stitch side seams up back of body and head, adding stuffing as you sew. Gather cast-on sts at top of head

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MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Pudding: 6cm diameter

Gingerbread man: 13.5cm tall

Candy cane: 9cm tall when curved

KNIT KIT

Yarn: **Puddings:** (A) Brown, (B) Red, (C) Yellow, yours with this issue of LK, **Gingerbread man:** (A) Brown, (B) Red, (C) Yellow, (D) Black, yours with this issue of LK, oddment of white DK for decoration

Needles: 3.75mm, 4mm double-pointed, two (for Gingerbread man only)

Safety toy stuffing

Green felt (for Pudding)

Pipe cleaner (for Gingerbread man)

Buttons: two, green (for Gingerbread man)

ABOUT THE YARN

The yarn in your kit has been exclusively dyed and produced for Let's Knit, which means it's not available anywhere else. It's an acrylic yarn that knits to a DK tension. We recommend washing by hand to ensure colourfastness and to preserve your knits.

Need an alternative yarn?

Patons Fab DK is an acrylic yarn that comes in handy 25g balls. Shades 2357 Chocolate, 2323 Red, 2305 Canary and 2306 White would all work well for these quick-to-knit festive projects. There are also 100g balls available if you wish to make the full set.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

inc3: k into front, back, front and back of same st

working wraps tog with st (on a p row): insert RH needle pwise into st, then into wrap and p2tog

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Patons Fab DK costs 71p per 25g (68m) ball from 0800 488 0708, www.deramores.com

For 10% off all orders at Deramores turn to page 45.

Arms (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A cast on 12 sts

❑ Beg with a k row, work ten rows in st st
❑ Next row: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

❑ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
Sew side seams together adding stuffing as you sew.
Attach Arms to body

To make up

Using an oddment of white DK, Swiss darn a line around ends of Arms and legs, as shown. Using yarn C, sew long stitches in a star shape around top of head. Cut a length of white yarn for the mouth and couch it in place using sewing thread (see Knitwise). Sew on two buttons for eyes, then use yarn D to make a hanging loop

Gumdrop buttons

(make one in yarn B and one in yarn C)

Using 3.75mm needles and appropriate yarn cast on two sts

❑ Row 1: kfb in each st.

Four sts

❑ Row 2: p

❑ Row 3: k

❑ Row 4: (p2tog) twice.

Two sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, then sew running stitch around outside of piece, pull tight to make a small bobble and fasten off
Sew to front of Gingerbread man

Candy cane

Using two 4mm dpns and yarn C cast on five sts

❑ Row 1: k5, do not turn, slide sts to opposite end of dpns

❑ Working in two-row stripes of yarns B and C, pulling yarn across back of work, rep Row 1 until i-cord meas 17cm

❑ Cast off

Cut pipe cleaner and thread inside i-cord. Bend into a candy cane shape and stitch end closed

Pudding

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A cast on eight sts

❑ Row 1 and every alt row: p
❑ Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 16 sts
❑ Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 24 sts

❑ Row 6: (kfb, k2) to end. 32 sts

❑ Row 8: k

❑ Row 10: (kfb, k3) to end. 40 sts

❑ Rows 12 and 14: k

❑ Row 16: (k2tog, k3) to end. 32 sts

❑ Row 18: k

❑ Row 20: (k2tog, k2) to end. 24 sts

❑ Row 22: (k2tog, k1) to end. 16 sts

❑ Row 24: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts

❑ Row 25: p

❑ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem eight sts, pull tight and fasten off

Using cast-off tail, sew side seams, stuffing as you sew. When you reach the top of the pudding, sew running stitch around cast-on edge and pull to gather

Custard

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B cast on two sts

❑ Row 1: k1, inc3 in next st. Five sts

❑ Row 2: p4, turn

❑ Row 3: k4

❑ Row 4: p4, turn

❑ Row 5: sl first two sts kwise, k2tog, do not turn, pass two slipped sts over first st on RH needle. Two sts

❑ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through two rem sts, pull tight to make a bobble and fasten off

Sew to top of pudding **LK**

❑ Row 12: p11, w&t

❑ Row 13: k8, k2tog, k1. 12 sts

❑ Row 14: p8, w&t

❑ Row 15: k5, k2tog, k1. 11 sts

❑ Row 16: p5, w&t

❑ Row 17: k2, k2tog, k1. Ten sts

❑ Row 18: p2, w&t

❑ Row 19: k2

❑ Row 20: p all sts working wraps tog with st

❑ Rep Rows 1-20 twice more

❑ Cast off

Sew cast-on and cast-off edges together, and gather side edge to close the top. Attach to top of pudding

To make up

Cut four holly leaf shapes from green felt, approximately 4cm x 2cm, and stitch on top of Pudding using photo as a guide

Berries (make three)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B cast on two sts

❑ Row 1: k1, inc3 in next st. Five sts

❑ Row 2: p4, turn

❑ Row 3: k4

❑ Row 4: p4, turn

❑ Row 5: sl first two sts kwise, k2tog, do not turn, pass two slipped sts over first st on RH needle. Two sts

❑ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through two rem sts, pull tight to make a bobble and fasten off

Sew to top of pudding **LK**

knitwise

COUCHING The sweet smile on our Gingerbread man is 'couched' in place. This is a technique often used in embroidery. Cut your yarn to the length of the smile and lay it in position on the Gingerbread man's face. Now use a sewing needle and thread to oversew it in place with small stitches.



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LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE TOY PATTERN

Derek is a *squishy snowman* toy designed by **Val Pierce**

Let us introduce you to the best-behaved Christmas guest ever! Derek is made with a fleecy yarn, which makes him perfect for cuddles. His facial features are all embroidered with yarn as opposed to buttons, so he will make an ideal companion for a small child.

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MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Derek: 30cm tall

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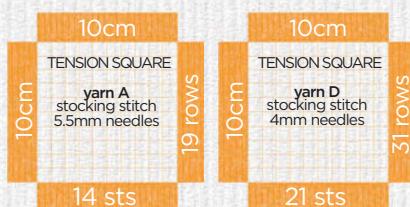
Yarn: (A) Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake Chunky shade 630 Milky, two 25g balls, oddments of (B) Orange and (C) Black DK yarn, (D) Designer Yarns Baby Joy DK, shade 115 Bluebell, one 50g ball, (E) Sirdar Snuggly Pearls, shade 251 White, one 50g ball

Needles: 4mm, 5.5mm

Safety toy stuffing

Tapestry needle

Stitch holder



ABOUT THE YARN

Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake Chunky yarn has a great fleecy texture and is 100% polyester.

Designer Yarns Baby Joy DK is a soft mix of 55% polyacryl, 45% polyamide, and comes in a range of colours.

Sirdar Snuggly Pearls DK is a soft baby yarn with a fine pearlescent thread

Need an alternative yarn?

King Cole Cuddles Chunky has a similar fleecy texture to the main yarn and is 100% polyester.

To complete the Sweater, any DK yarn will do

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Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake
Chunky costs £2.05 per 25g (62m) ball from **01279 771153**, www.modernknitting.co.uk

Designer Yarns Baby Joy DK
costs £2.85 per 50g (175m) ball from **01622 370585**, www.lilyroseemporium.co.uk

Sirdar Snuggly Pearls costs £3.71 from **0845 576 0007**, www.loveknitting.com

King Cole Cuddles Chunky
costs £3.69 per 50g (125m) ball from **0800 488 0708**, www.deramores.com

For 10% off all orders at Deramores, turn to p45

START KNITTING HERE

Legs (make two)

Using 5.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts
Work 16 rows in st st
Leave on stitch holder and work second leg to match, leave these sts on needle

JOIN LEGS

K across ten sts on needle, return first leg to needle and k across ten sts. 20 sts

Body

Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
Next row: k to end inc one st at each end of row. 22 sts
Work 39 rows in st st
Dec one st at each end of next and foll three alt rows. 14 sts
Next row: p one row
Cast off

Arms (make two)

Using 5.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts
Row 1: p
Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 16 sts
Work three rows in st st
Row 6: inc one st at each end of row. 18 sts
Work 23 rows in st st
Next row: k2tog to end. Nine sts

- Next row: p
- Next row: k2tog four times, k1. Five sts
- Cut yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up and fasten off

Head

Using 5.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- Row 1: p
- Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 20 sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Row 8: * k1, kfb in next st, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- Row 9: p
- Work 14 rows in st st
- Next row: * k1, k2tog, rep from * to end. 20 sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Next row: k2tog to end. Ten sts
- Next row: p
- Next row: k2tog to end. Five sts
- Cut yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up and fasten off

Nose

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on eight sts
Row 1: p
Inc one st at each end of next and foll alt row. 12 sts
Work four rows in st st
Dec one st at each end of

next and foll alt row. Eight sts

- P one row

- Cast off

Sweater

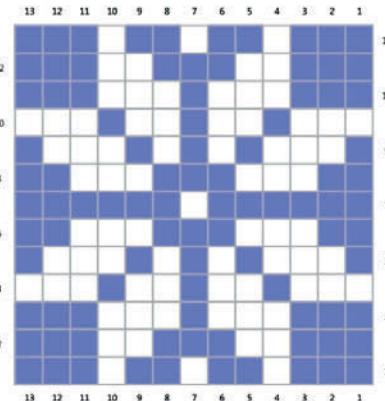
NOTE: letter foll each instruction denotes which yarn to use

Front

NOTE: strand yarn loosely across back of work when not in use for colourwork

** Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on 43 sts

- K four rows
- Work four rows in st st
Join in yarn E and work patt as folks:



NOTE: turn to p9 for top tips on stranded colourwork



- Row 9: * k4D, k1E, rep from * to last st, k1D
- Row 10: p2D, * p3E, p2D, rep from * to last st, p1D
- Row 11: rep Row 9
- Cut yarn E and cont in yarn D **
- Beg with a p row, work nine rows in st st
- Next row: k15D, work across Row 1 of Chart, k15D
- Cont working rows from Chart, keeping 15 sts either side in yarn D as set for all 13 rows
- Cut yarn E and cont in yarn D only
- Beg with a p row, work nine rows in st st
- K four rows
- Cast off

Back

- Work as for Front from ** to **
- Beg with a p row, work 31 rows in st st
- K four rows
- Cast off

Sleeves (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on 33 sts

- K four rows
- Work four rows in st st
- Join in yarn E and work patt as follows:
- Row 9: * k4D, k1E, rep from * to last three sts, k3D
- Row 10: p2D, * p3E, p2D, rep from * to last st, p1D
- Row 11: rep Row 9
- Cut yarn E and cont in yarn D only
- Work 13 rows in st st
- Cast off

Hat

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on 60 sts

- K six rows
- Work four rows in st st
- Work patt as follows:
- Row 1: k2D, * k1E, k4D, rep from * to last three sts,



"Derek is a very cute and stylish snowman.

Why not wrap him up and give him to a loved one as a Christmas gift?

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KERRY KNIGHT MAHER



k1E, k2D

- Row 2: p1D, * p3E, p2D, rep from * to four sts, p3E, p1D
- Row 3: rep Row 1
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st

SHAPE TOP

- Next row: * k2tog, k3, rep from * to end. 48 sts
- Next row and foll three alt rows: p
- Next row: * k2tog, k2, rep from * to end. 36 sts
- Next row: * k2tog, k1, rep from * to end. 24 sts
- Next row: k2tog to end. 12 sts
- Next row: p
- Cut yarn and thread through sts on needle, draw up and fasten off

To make up

Sew side and bottom seams of Snowman's Body and Legs leaving neck edge open for stuffing. Stuff quite firmly and close. Sew side and cast-on edge seams on Arms, leaving top open to stuff. Don't overstuff, but leave fabric to enable arms to be sewn to each side at shoulder level. Sew back seam of Head; stuff firmly and close. Sew Head to Body. Run thread around outside edge of Nose, draw up to form oval shape, add a little stuffing to pad out. Sew to front of Snowman's face. Using image as a guide, embroider eyes and smile using black yarn

SWEATER

Secure Back to Front at each shoulder with a few stitches. Fold Sleeve in half lengthways, mark centre point at cast-off edge; this is top of Sleeve. Place marked point to join of Back and Front. Sew each side of Sleeve to Back and Front. Repeat for other Sleeve. Sew side and Sleeve seams. Slip sweater onto Snowman, sew Shoulder seams in place on either side for 2cm.

HAT

Sew back seam of Hat. Make a large bobble using yarns D and E; sew this to centre crown of Hat. Pull Hat onto head and secure with stitches to hold in place **LK**

Inspiration STATION

Our round-up of what's hot in the knitting universe

Hansel & Gretel

The Little Knit Kit Company's Gingerbread House is an easy knit for beginners or children, and comes complete with pattern, yarn, stuffing, felt, beads, and handmade Christmas-themed knitting needles. One kit costs £24 from 01792 428986, www.thelittleknitkitcompany.co.uk



The Candyman Can

This gorgeous thick and thin candy cane yarn is hand painted in traditional red and turquoise Christmas colours. The 80% merino wool and 20% acrylic yarn knits to an aran weight, and will make fantastic Christmas decorations. www.fashiontouchnsupplies.etsy.com



Special Delivery

Store your letters to Santa with this cute crochet postman. The project is taken from A Swedish Christmas by Caroline Wendt and Pernilla Wastberg, which features everything from knitting projects to recipes. Floris Books, £14.99. 01313 372372 www.florisbooks.co.uk



Vintage Charm

Vintage Chunky is a brand new exclusive yarn from Deramores in 50% merino wool with 50% acrylic. It comes in six vintage-inspired shades, with classic patterns on sale to accompany its launch. Each 100g ball costs £3.49, making it great value for money.
0800 488 0708,
www.deramores.com



Star of Wonder

Rowan Little Star is a collection of 21 children's knits by Marie Wallin, inspired by the trend for heritage knits. We love Crumble, a fantastic boy's jumper which uses Rowan Pure Wool DK and 4ply. The subtle embroidery adds a festive twist which makes it perfect for Christmas Day. Just be sure to avoid any food fights! www.knitrowan.com

Did you know?

The largest Christmas stocking measured 51m 35cm in length and 21m 63cm in width from the heel to toe. It was made in Carrara, Italy in 2011 and filled with balloons containing sweets!



Charity of the Month

Preemies UK

Preemies UK is a group of volunteers who knit and crochet for 170 Neonatal and Special Care units around the UK. They recently sent out their 20,000th item knitted for a premature baby. However, they are always in need of new knitted clothes, blankets and toys, as well as donations of yarn, ribbon, buttons and stuffing. More information can be found on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/PreemiesUK



Amazing Amigurumi

Toft Alpaca has released an adorable range of stuffed animals, which will make great Christmas gifts for kids. The toys are available at a range of prices, both as kits and ready-made items by local crochet experts. 01788 810626, www.thetoftalpacashop.co.uk

Fuse Together

Fusion is a new range by West Yorkshire Spinners,

made from 75%

wool and 25% nylon.

The soft aran weight yarn comes in a variety of subtle variegated shades. 01535 664500, www.wyspinners.com



Advent-ure time

We love this Advent Garland from King Cole's Christmas Knits (Book 1), designed by LK's own Zoë Halstead. The 24 mittens and socks are the perfect size to hide a tasty treat, right up to Christmas Eve. www.kingcole.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Yuletide: 200cm long

Snowflake: 6cm from point to point

Pennant: 12cm wide x 11cm deep

CROCHET KIT

Yarn: Rowan Handknit Cotton, (A) shade 215 Rosso, (B) shade 251 Ecru, (C) shade 344 Pesto, (D) shade 219 Gooseberry, one 50g ball of each

Crochet hook: 4mm

Tapestry needle

ABOUT THE YARN

Rowan Handknit Cotton is a pure cotton DK yarn with a soft, matte finish. It is tightly plied so won't split when you're working. It's also machine washable, which makes it a practical option for homewares.

Need an alternative yarn?

As this project uses just one ball of each colour, it's a great way to use up stray balls from your stash. Cotton is well suited to crochet, but if you don't have any, this project would work with any yarn that gives good stitch definition.

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Rowan Handknit Cotton costs £4.25 per 50g (85m) ball from 01829 740903, www.laughinghens.com



"Why not make a string of snowflakes in a glittering white yarn to decorate your living room or make small-scale bunting in fine yarn to wrap around your tree?"

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LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE CROCHET PATTERN

Yuletide

will add a *touch of homespun cheer* to your *Christmas*

Designed by Lucinda Ganderton, this festive garland is made up of simple double crochet snowflakes, and pennants that are worked using the same construction as **granny squares**. Both are easily achievable by beginners. We've opted for traditional Christmas shades but feel free to use a more modern combo to match your holiday colour scheme.

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Snowflake (make nine)

NOTE: do not turn the work, keep the same side facing throughout

Using 4mm hook and yarn B, make 5ch, sl st in first ch to make a loop

❑ Rnd 1: 1ch, 12dc in loop, sl st in first dc

❑ Rnd 2: (5ch, miss 1dc, sl st in next dc) six times

❑ Rnd 3: (3dc, 3ch, 3dc in 5ch

loop) six times, sl st in first dc
❑ Fasten off

Pennant (make five as given and five with yarns C and D reversed)

NOTE: do not turn the work, keep the same side facing throughout

Using 4mm hook and yarn B, make a magic ring (see Knit wise)

❑ Rnd 1: (3ch, 2tr) in loop, (3ch, 3tr) in loop twice, 3ch, draw up



Magic ring

The Pennant starts with a magic ring. You could just join chains into a ring, but you would end up with a hole. A magic ring can be closed tightly and ensures you don't get a hole at the beginning of your project.



1 Make a loop of yarn with the tail hanging downwards and the working yarn overlapping in front of the tail



2 Holding the loop in place, insert the hook through the centre of the loop and pull the working yarn through the loop



3 Make 1ch, then work dc into the loop as instructed on the Foundation round, making sure you work over the tail for the first couple of sts



4 When the Foundation round is complete, pull the tail to close the hole in the centre of the loop



the loop tightly, sl st in third ch
 Fasten off
 Rnd 2: join yarn D to any 3-ch sp, (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr, 1ch) in same sp, (3tr, 3ch, 3tr, 1ch) in each of next two 3-ch sps, sl st in third of beg 3ch
 Fasten off
 Rnd 3: join yarn A to any 3-ch sp, (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr, 1ch) in same sp, (4tr, 1ch) in next 3-ch sp, * (3tr, 3ch, 3tr, 1ch) in next 3-ch sp, 4tr in next 3-ch sp, rep from * twice, sl st in third of beg 3ch
 Fasten off
 Rnd 4: join yarn C to any 3-ch sp, (3ch, 3tr, 2ch, 4tr) in same sp, 3tr in next 3-ch sp, 1tr bet second and third tr, 3tr in next 3-ch sp, (4tr, 2ch, 4tr) in next 3-ch sp, 3tr in next sp, 1tr between second and third tr, 3tr in next 3-ch sp, (3tr, 1dtr, 2ch, 1dtr, 3tr) in 3-ch sp, 3tr in next 3-ch sp, 1tr between second and third tr, 3tr in next 3-ch sp, sl st in third of beg 3ch
 Fasten off

Rnd 5: join yarn A to top left 2-ch sp, (1ch, 2dc) in same space, 1dc in each tr to bottom corner sp, (2dc, 2ch, 2dc) in corner sp, 1dc in each tr to top right corner, 2dc in corner sp
 Fasten off

To make up
 Using 4mm hook and yarn A make 20ch
 Row 1: * 1dc in first dc along edge of Pennant, (1dc in 1tr) 15 times along edge of Pennant, 1dc in dc at end of Pennant, 6ch, 2dc in 3-ch sp at tip of

Snowflake, 6ch, repeat from * alternating between light and dark green Pennants until all motifs are joined, 20ch
 Fasten off
 Row 2: join yarn D to first ch, 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off
 Row 3: join yarn C to first dc, 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off
 Weave in loose ends **LK**

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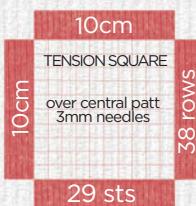
Approx: 120cm (length) x 29cm (width)

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Rico Design Creative Reflection, shade 002, three 50g balls

Needles: 3mm straight needles, plus extra needle for three-needle cast off

Cable needle



ABOUT THE YARN

Rico Design Creative Reflection is a sparkly blend of 46% virgin wool, 46% acrylic and 8% polyester. It's a very lightweight yarn, and is ideal for decorations and accessories.

Need an alternative yarn?

Sirdar Ella DK is a mix of 49% cotton, 48% acrylic, 3% polyester. It's machine washable, therefore easy to fix Christmas day gravy spills, and comes in a host of pretty colours.

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Rico Design Creative Reflection costs £3.50 per 50g (240m) ball from **028 9024 9000**, www.craft-world.co.uk

Sirdar Ella DK costs £2.86 per 50g (126m) ball from **01273 456570**, www.englishyarns.co.uk



"This great table runner is sparkly, festive, and everything that Christmas should be."

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LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE HOMEMARES PATTERN

Sway

is a decorative *table runner* by *Georganne Cauchi*

Sway combines technique and sparkle to make for a great addition to your dinner table this Christmastime. The intricate detailing and beautiful construction of Sway has been emphasised by Georganne Cauchi's choice of lightweight yarn. This runner would look outstanding teamed with colour-co-ordinated crackers, candles, and not to mention a huge turkey taking pride of place in the middle.

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Table runner

Using 3mm needles cast on 92 sts

- Rows 1-2: k
- Rows 3 and 5: k1, p2, * (k2, p4) three times, k2, p2, rep from * to last st, k1
- Row 4: k1, * k2, (p2, k4) three times, p2, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 92 sts
- Row 6 (inc row): k1, * k2, yrn, (p2, k4) three times, p2, yon, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 100 sts
- Row 7: k1, p2, * p1, (k2, p4) three times, k2, p3, rep from * to last st, k1
- Row 8 (inc row): k1, * k3, yrn, (p2, k4) three times, p2, yon, k1, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 108 sts
- Row 9: k1, p2, * p2, (k2, p4) four times, rep from * to last st, k1
- Row 10 (inc row): k1, * k4, yrn, (p2, k4) three times, p2, yon, k2, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 116 sts
- Row 11: k1, p2, * p3, (k2, p4) three times, k3, p4, rep from * to last st, k1
- Row 12 (inc row): k1, * k2, yfwd, k2tog, k1, yrn, (p2, k4) three times, p2, yon, k1, ssk, yfwd, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 124 sts
- Row 13: k1, p2, * (p4, k2) four times, p6, rep from * to last st, k1
- Row 14 (dec row): k1, * k3, yfwd, k2tog, k1, yrn, p2, k2tog, ssk, p2, k4, p2, k2tog, ssk, p2, yon, k1, ssk, yfwd, k1, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 116 sts
- Row 15: k1, p2, * p5, k2, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k2, p7, rep from * to last st, k1
- Row 16: k1, * k4, yfwd, k2tog, k1, yrn, p2, k2, p2, k2tog, ssk, p2, k2, p2, yon, k1, ssk, yfwd, k2, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 116 sts
- Row 17: k1, p2, * p6, (k2, p2)

three times, k2, p8, rep from * to last st, k1

- Row 18 (dec row): k1, * k5, yfwd, k2tog, k1, p2, (k2tog, ssk) three times, k1, ssk, yfwd, k3, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 92 sts
- Row 19: k1, p2, * p6, (sl next eight sts on to cn, wrap yarn clockwise around sts on cn three times, slip sts back to RH needle), p8, rep from * to last st, k1
- Row 20, 21 and 23: k
- Row 22 (dec row): k3, k2tog, * k5, k2tog, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 79 sts
- Row 24: k4, yfwd, k2tog, k2, * k1, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k2, rep from * to last seven sts, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k4
- Row 25: k5, yfwd, k2tog, * k1,

k2tog, yfwd, k3, yfwd, k2tog, rep from * to last eight sts, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k5

- Row 26: k6, yfwd, sk2po, * yfwd, k5, yfwd, sk2po, rep from * to last six sts, yfwd, k6
- Row 27: k5, k2tog, yfwd, * k1, yfwd, k2tog, k3, k2tog, yfwd, rep from * to last eight sts, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k5
- Row 28: k4, k2tog, yfwd, k2, * k1, yfwd, k2tog, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2, rep from * to last seven sts, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k4
- Row 29: k3, k2tog, yfwd, k2, * k3, yfwd, sk2po, yfwd, k2, rep from * to last eight sts, k3, yfwd, k2tog, k3
- Rows 30-47: rep Rows 24-29 three times more
- Rows 48-49: k
- Row 50 (inc row): k8, m1,



knitwise

THREE-NEEDLE CAST OFF

- Hold both needles facing the same direction in your left hand (right sides of work facing each other)
- Take a third needle in your right hand, point it through the back of the first stitch on the front needle (in left hand) and then through the front of the first stitch on the back needle.
- Hold the two needles in your left hand together, k2tog.
- Rep previous instructions so you have two stitches on right hand needle.
- Cast off one stitch from the right hand needle in the normal way.
- Rep from beginning until all the stitches are cast off.
- To finish, cut the yarn, thread it through the last stitch and pull.

* k9, m1, rep from * to last eight sts, k8. 87 sts

- Row 51-52: k
- Rows 53: k11, ssk, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k2, (p11, k2, ssk, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k2) three times, k9
- Row 54 and 56: k3, p15, (k11, p9) three times, p6, k3
- Row 55: k10, k2tog, yfwd, k3, yfwd, ssk, k1, (p11, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k3, yfwd, ssk, k1) three times, k9
- Row 57: k3, k2tog, k4, (k2, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, ssk, yfwd, k2, p4, p3tog, p4) three times, k2, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, ssk, yfwd, k6, k2tog, k3
- Row 58: k3, p16, (k9, p11) three times, p5, k3
- Row 59: k3, k2tog, k3, (k2, yfwd, k2tog, k1, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k1, ssk, yfwd, k2, p3, p3tog, p3) three times, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k1, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k1, ssk, yfwd, k5, k2tog, k3
- Row 60: k3, p17, (k7, p13) three times, p4, k3
- Row 61: k3, k2tog, k2, (k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2, ssk, yfwd, k2, p2, p3tog, p2) three times, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2, ssk, yfwd, k4, k2tog, k3

KEEP KNITTING ON P26

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□ Row 62: k3, p18, (k5, p15) three times, p3, k3
 □ Row 63: k3, k2tog, k1, (k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p1, yon, k1, yrn, p1, k2, ssk, yfwd, k2, p1, p3tog, p1) three times, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p1, yon, k1, yrn, p1, k2, ssk, yfwd, k3, k2tog, k3
 □ Row 64: k3, p2, (p6, k1, p3, k1, p6, k3) three times, p6, k1, p3, k1, p8, k3
 □ Row 65: k3, k2tog, (k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p2, yon, k1, yrn, p2, k2, ssk, yfwd, k2, p3tog) three times, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p2, yon, k1, yrn, p2, k2, ssk, yfwd, k2, k2tog, k3
 □ Row 66: k3, p1, (p6, k2, p3, k2, p6, k1) three times, p6, k2, p3, k2, p7, k3
 □ Row 67: k3, k2tog, (k1, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p3, yon, k1, yrn, p3, k2, ssk, yfwd, k1, sk2po) three times k1, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p3, yon, k1, yrn, p3, k2, ssk, yfwd, k1, k2tog, k3
 □ Row 68: k3, (p6, k3, p3, k3, p5) four times, p1, k3
 □ Row 69: k3, ssk, (yfwd, k2tog, k2, p4, yon, k1, yrn, p4, k2, ssk, yfwd, sk2po) three times, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p4, yon, k1, yrn, p4, k2, ssk, yfwd, k2tog, k3
 □ Row 70: k3, (p5, k4, p3, k4,

p4) four times, p1, k3
 □ Row 71: k4, (yfwd, k2tog, k2, p11, k2, ssk, yfwd, k1) four times, k3
 □ Row 72 and 74: k3, (p5, k11, p4) four times, p1, k3
 □ Row 73: k4, (k1, yfwd, ssk, k1, p11, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2) four times, k3
 □ Row 75: k3, kfb, (ssk, yfwd, k2, p4, p3tog, p4, k2, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd) three times, ssk, yfwd, k2, p4, p3tog, p4, k2, yfwd, k2tog, kfb, k3
 □ Row 76: k3, (p6, k9, p5) four times, p1, k3
 □ Row 77: k3, kfb, (k1, ssk, yfwd, k2, p3, p3tog, p3, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k1, yfwd, k1, yfwd) three times, k1, ssk, yfwd, k2, p3, p3tog, p3, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k1, kfb, k3
 □ Row 78: k3, (p7, k7, p6) four times, p1, k3
 □ Row 79: k3, kfb, (k2, ssk, yfwd, k2, p2, p3tog, p2, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, yfwd, k1, yfwd) three times, k2, ssk, yfwd, k2, p2, p3tog, p2, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, kfb, k3
 □ Row 80: k3, (p8, k5, p7) four times, p1, k3
 □ Row 81: k3, kfb, k1, (k2, ssk, yfwd, k2, p1, p3tog, p1, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p1, yon, k1, yrn,

p1) three times, k2, ssk, yfwd, k2, p1, p3tog, p1, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k3, kfb, k3
 □ Row 82: k3, p3, (p6, k3, p6, k1, p3, k1) three times, p6, k3, p9, k3
 □ Row 83: k3, kfb, k4, (ssk, yfwd, k2, p3tog, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p2, yon, k1, yrn, p2, k2) three times, ssk, yfwd, k2, p3tog, k2, yfwd, k2tog, k4, kfb, k3
 □ Row 84: k3, p4, (p6, k1, p6, k2, p3, k2) three times, p6, k1, p10, k3
 □ Row 85: k3, kfb, k5, (ssk, yfwd, k1, sk2po, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p3, yon, k1, yrn, p3, k2) three times, ssk, yfwd, k1, sk2po, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k5, kfb, k3
 □ Row 86: k3, p5, (p11, k3, p3, k3) three times, p16, k3
 □ Row 87: k3, kfb, k6, (ssk, yfwd, sk2po, yfwd, k2tog, k2, p4, yon, k1, yrn, p4, k2) three times, ssk, yfwd, sk2po, yfwd, k2tog, k6, kfb, k3
 □ Row 88: k3, p6, (p9, k4, p3, k4) three times, p15, k3
 □ Rep Rows 53-88 nine times more
 □ Next row: k
 □ Next row (dec row): * k8, k2tog, rep from * to last seven

sts, k7, 79 sts
 □ K three rows
 □ Rep Rows 24-29 four times
 □ K two rows
 □ Next row (inc row): k3, m1, * k6, m1, rep from * to last four sts, k4, 92 sts
 □ Next row: k
 Transfer stitches onto a holder
 □ Using 3mm needles cast on 92 sts and rep Rows 1-20

To make up

Attach edge to table runner using three-needle cast off method (see Knitwise on prev page). Weave in ends and block to measurements **LK**

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8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18)

To fit chest (cm):

81 (86, 91, 96, 101, 107)

Actual chest (cm):

82 (84, 90, 96, 101, 106)

Length to shoulder (cm):

45 (47, 48, 49, 51, 53)

Sleeve length (cm):

15 (15, 15.5, 16.5, 17.5, 18.5)

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Stylecraft Senses, shade Plum, 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6) 50g balls

Needles: 2.5mm

Tapestry needle

Beads: Debbie Abrahams Size 6

Knitting Beads, colour 41

Amethyst, one bag



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Stylecraft Senses costs £3.45 per 50g (250m) ball. For stockists, go to www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

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START KNITTING HERE

Back

Using 2.5mm needles, cast on 123 (127, 135, 144, 152, 159) sts
□ Work in st st until piece meas 20 (22, 22, 22, 23, 24) cm, ending after a WS row

SHAPE ARMHOLE

□ Cast off 5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts at beg of next two rows. 113 (117, 123, 132, 138, 145) sts
□ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 97 (103, 109, 112, 118, 121) sts rem
□ Cont in st st until armhole meas 20 (20, 21, 22, 23, 24) cm

SHAPE SHOULDER

□ Cast off 9 (10, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts at beg of next six rows. 43 (43, 43, 46, 46, 49) sts
□ Cast off

Right front

Using 2.5mm needles, cast on 34 (35, 38, 41, 43, 45) sts
□ Row 1: k
□ Row 2: p
□ Row 3 (RS): k2, m1, k to end. 35 (36, 39, 42, 44, 46) sts
□ Rep Rows 2-3 until there are 54 (57, 60, 64, 67, 72) sts
□ Cont in st st until work meas 20 (22, 22, 22, 23, 24) cm, ending after a RS row

SHAPE ARMHOLE

□ Next row: cast off 5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, p to end. 49 (52, 54, 58, 60, 65) sts
□ Next row: p
□ Next row: k2, ssk, k to end. 48 (51, 53, 57, 59, 64) sts
□ Rep last two rows until 41 (45, 47, 48, 50, 53) sts rem
□ Next row: p

SHAPE NECK

□ Dec one st at neck edge on next and every foll alt row until 27 (30, 33, 33, 36, 36) sts rem
□ Cont in st st until armhole meas 20 (20, 21, 22, 23, 24) cm, ending after a WS row

□ Cont in st st until armhole meas 20 (20, 21, 22, 23, 24) cm, ending after a RS row

SHAPE SHOULDER

□ Cast off 9 (10, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts at beg of next and foll alt row. 9 (10, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts
□ Next row: k
□ Cast off

Left front

Using 2.5mm needles, cast on 34 (35, 38, 41, 43, 45) sts
□ Row 1: k
□ Row 2: p
□ Row 3: k to last two sts, m1, k2. 35 (36, 39, 42, 44, 46) sts
□ Rep Rows 2-3 until there are 54 (57, 60, 64, 67, 72) sts
□ Cont in st st until work meas 20 (22, 22, 22, 23, 24) cm, ending after a WS row

SHAPE ARMHOLE

□ Next row: cast off 5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, k to end. 49 (52, 54, 58, 60, 65) sts
□ Next row: p
□ Next row: k2, ssk, k to end. 48 (51, 53, 57, 59, 64) sts
□ Rep last two rows until 41 (45, 47, 48, 50, 53) sts rem
□ Next row: p

SHAPE NECK

□ Dec one st at neck edge on next and every foll alt row until 27 (30, 33, 33, 36, 36) sts rem
□ Cont in st st until armhole meas 20 (20, 21, 22, 23, 24) cm, ending after a WS row

SHAPE SHOULDER

□ Cast off 9 (10, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts at beg of next and foll alt row. 9 (10, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts
□ Next row: p
□ Cast off

Sleeves

Using 2.5mm needles, cast on 68 (68, 72, 72, 74, 74) sts
□ Working in st st inc one st at



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each end of fifth and every foll fourth row until there are 78 (84, 90, 90, 96, 102) sts
□ Cont in st st without shaping until work meas 12 (14, 15, 15, 15, 15) cm

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

□ Cast off 5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts at beg of next two rows. 68 (74, 78, 78, 82, 88) sts
□ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 52 (60, 64, 58, 62, 64) sts rem
□ Cont in st st without shaping until armhole meas 10 (10, 10.5, 11.5, 12.5, 13.5) cm
□ Dec one st at each end of every row until 20 (26, 28, 22, 24, 26) sts rem
□ Cast off 5 (6, 7, 6, 6, 7) sts at beg of next two rows. 10 (14, 14, 10, 12, 12) sts
□ Cast off 5 (7, 7, 5, 6, 6) sts at beg of next row. 5 (7, 7, 5, 6, 6) sts
□ Cast off

Sleeve edging

Using 2.5mm needles, cast on nine sts
□ Row 1 and every alt row: k
□ Row 2: k3, k2tog, yfwd, k2tog, [yfwd, k1] twice. Ten sts
□ Row 4: k2, [k2tog, yfwd] twice, k3, yfwd, k1. 11 sts
□ Row 6: k1, [k2tog, yfwd] twice, k5, yfwd, k1. 12 sts
□ Row 8: k3, [yfwd, k2tog] twice, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2tog. 11 sts
□ Row 10: k4, yfwd,

k2tog, yfwd, k3tog, yfwd, k2tog. Ten sts
□ Row 12: k5, yfwd, k3tog, yfwd, k2tog. Nine sts
□ Rep Rows 1-12 until edging fits along cuff of sleeve
□ K one row
□ Cast off, sew in place, sew beads along seam edge at approx 1cm intervals

To make up

Join shoulder seams, sew sleeve top in place, sew side and sleeve seams

Body edging

□ Make as for Sleeve edging until edging fits around Fronts, neck, and lower Back edge, sew in place as you go
□ Sew beads along seam edge at approx 1cm intervals, block garment carefully to enhance lace edging **LK**

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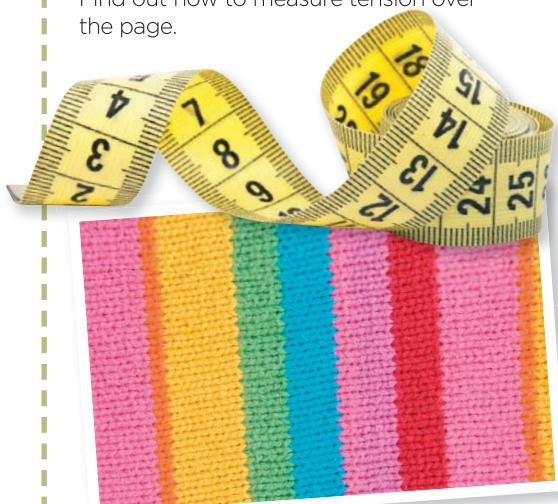
Time-saving KNITTING TIPS

Kerry Knight Maher seeks out advice and products to save valuable time for knitting gifts for your loved ones this Christmas

As knitters, we find inspiration for future projects throughout the year and many will have a 'Knits for Christmas' list that began as early as Christmas Day last year. After all, it's never too soon to start planning for the festive season! Now, we all know, that no matter how early we start we will still be sitting down on Christmas Eve frantically finishing up at least one gift for a loved one who's arriving first thing on Christmas morning. So hopefully these tips and time-saving products will mean that all your knitted treats are wrapped up and under the tree with time to spare!

Measuring tension

Knitting to the correct tension is the best way to make sure your work will come out the correct size. This is particularly important with gifts as you want your project to fit the recipient. Working a tension square before you start will save you time in the long run! Find out how to measure tension over the page.



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Use this to help keep your place on a pattern or chart

Mattress stitch

Finishing your work well is just as important as the knitting, and mattress stitch is a quick and easy seam that creates an almost invisible join. It's also known as ladder stitch. See our step-by-step guide on page 34.



Carrying yarn up side of work

Knitting stripes but hate sewing in ends? Carry the yarn up the side of your work when it's not in use, then you can just pick it up again when you need it! Remember to twist the strands together to maintain a neat edge. Turn over for a simple tutorial.

Swiss darning

For simple yet effective colourwork, Swiss darn your motifs over your knitted fabric. This is where you embroider imitation knitting stitches over the top of your work. It's quick to do and saves lots of complicated colour changes. Turn over to learn more.



TURN OVER FOR HOW-TO GUIDE TO ALL THESE TECHNIQUES

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READER TIPS

Use the correct needles for the yarn type so the yarn slides off the needles, e.g. cotton yarns on bamboo, wool and acrylic yarns on metal, and lace-weight yarns on wooden needles.

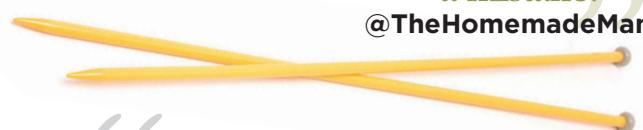
Daisy Overton

Keep every swatch you make, labelling it up with the yarn type, make and needle size. Then if you use the same yarn again you won't need to make another swatch – you'll already know if your tension is correct and whether you need a different size needle.

Lynne Rowe

If you have to pick up stitches around a neckline, instead of casting off the stitches as the pattern says to, leave them on a holder as it takes less time to do and you'll end up with a more even finish.

Norma Gilbey



Study the pattern all the way through to the end before you start knitting to familiarise yourself with each stage; this will make your knitting progress faster.

Alciara Alice Aguiar Young



I find listening to music really focuses the mind and gets you knitting to a rhythm.

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SPEED KNITTING GURU



Hazel Tindall, one of the world's fastest knitters (knitting 262 stitches in three minutes in 2008), shares her tops tips on speeding up your knitting

A knitting belt and DPNs

I like to use double pointed needles and a knitting belt, which is worn at the right side about waist level, or lower. The right needle is pushed into one of the holes in the belt pad; this keeps the needle anchored as the stitches are worked.



Hands and needles

When knitting, I hold the needles with my hands on top, although I often see people hold the right needle like a pencil. This might be okay for a few stitches but I can never figure out what they do with lots of stitches on the needle.

Fingers and thumbs

My only finger that doesn't touch the needles at all times is my right index finger, with the movements made by this finger being quite small. My right thumb pulls the stitch as it's made and my left thumb pushes the next stitch towards the point of the left needle. My remaining fingers help with this pulling and pushing technique.

Colourwork

When knitting with two colours I hold the background colour with my right index finger and the contrasting colour with my left index finger.

For more from Hazel, go to www.hazeltindall.com for her blog and patterns. Plus, make sure you take a look at her videos showing her knitting technique too.

Just a minute



Adrienne Chandler shows you some handy tips and techniques to speed up your gift making



FEELING THE TENSION

When you're knitting for other people, you want your project to be the best it can be with correct dimensions and even stitches – you don't want to have to keep reknitting because it's the wrong size! That's why it's really important to knit a tension square before you begin. Your pattern will tell you how many stitches and rows you should get over a 10cm square. Using the needle size instructed, cast on the number of stitches given plus five more. This is because you need a border around your 10cm area. Following the stated stitch pattern, work the required number of rows, plus five more, then cast off. You should always treat your tension square as you would your finished piece, so block it to even out the stitches. When your swatch is dry, use pins to mark out a 10cm square area in the centre. Make sure you start with a whole stitch – this is a complete v-shape.



Carefully count the number of stitches and rows over 10cm, both are indicated by complete v-shapes. You might find it helps to use the tip of your knitting needle as a pointer while you are counting.



You should end up with the same number of stitches as given in the pattern but if you don't, you will need to change the size of your needles. If you have too many stitches, go up a needle size; if there are too few, go down a needle size. Really tight or loose knitters may have to adjust by more than one needle size to get the right measurements.

GO FASTER STRIPES

When working stripes, carry the yarns not in use up the side of the work. This not only is more economical in terms of meterage but saves time too. You don't have to worry about joining in a new yarn every time, just pick up the strand when you're ready to use it – it also cuts down the amount of tails you need to sew in at the end!

How to do it: on the first contrasting stripe, join a new

ball as normal and work the set number of rows. However, at the start of every RS row, twist the two colours together to catch the strand not in use close to your work. To switch back to a previous colour, bring the old yarn up from underneath the current one.



Following on from Kerry Knight Maher's top time-saving tips for Christmas knitting, this tutorial features a few pointers to help you work through your gift list without sacrificing the professional finish. We begin with measuring tension; your gauge affects your measurements so start as you mean to go on. Frequent colour

changes usually mean a lot of ends to sew, but not if you carry the yarns as you work. Once you can do mattress stitch correctly, making up becomes a breeze. Finally, we look at Swiss darning, an easy colourwork method that makes the most of your sewing skills. Read on for our how-to guide to all these techniques.

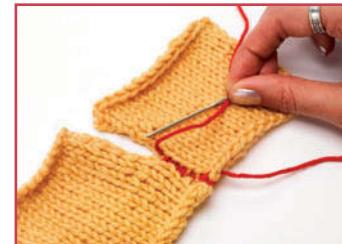
SEAMS SEW SIMPLE

One of the most common stitches used for joining seams of garments is mattress stitch as it can give an almost invisible join on stocking stitch fabrics.



1 to join the yarn, position the two panels side-by-side with RS facing. Bring your tapestry needle through the front of the first st on one side, then insert through the back of the corresponding st on the other panel. Bring the needle through the back of the original st on the first side and finally take it through the front of the second side so you have a figure-of-eight. Pull tight to secure.

Finished seam →

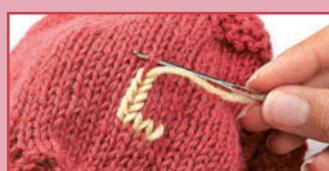


2 insert the needle under the horizontal bar between the edge stitch and the second stitch. Do the same on the other side and continue to work up the edge, hooking the horizontal bar each time. Pull this tight to close the seam.



COOL COLOURWORK

If you're not confident working colourwork, you can always omit the Fair Isle or intarsia instructions in the pattern and embroider the design at the end. This technique is known in the UK as Swiss darning, and sometimes called duplicate stitch. That's because you are sewing over the top of your work, creating your own 'knitted' stitches using embroidery.



1 thread a tapestry needle with yarn and insert it through the fabric from back to front, bringing it out at the bottom of the 'V' of the required stitch. Following the diagonal line of the stitch, insert the needle underneath the two loops at the base of the stitch above.



2 still following the diagonal line of the stitch, take your needle back through the entry point. This should leave an embroidered 'V' shape which has the look of a knitted stitch.

Why not get creative and add your own motifs or slogans using this technique?

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Iceberg is a
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blackberry stitch

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MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Scarf: 19cm x 140cm

Hat: average size adult head

Width when stretched: 27cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Rowan Cocoon, (A) shade

812 Bilberry, (B) shade 811 Lavender

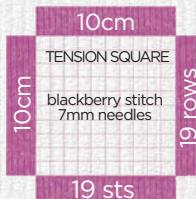
Ice, (C) shade 802 Alpine,

Scarf: one 100g ball of each,

Hat: one 100g ball of each

Needles: 6.5mm, 7mm

Tapestry needle



ABOUT THE YARN

Rowan Cocoon is an 80% merino wool and 20% mohair blend of chunky yarn which comes in a gorgeous range of muted colours. The soft finish makes it perfect for colourwork.

Need an alternative yarn?

Wendy Mode Chunky is a 50% merino wool and 50% acrylic blend of chunky yarn. Try shades (A) Orchid, (B) Haze and (C) Vanilla to match. Remember when substituting yarn to complete a tension square before beginning your project.

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Rowan Cocoon costs £8.95 per 100g (115m) ball from **0131 558 1747**, www.mcadirect.com

Wendy Mode Chunky costs £3.47 per 100g (140m) ball from **0845 576 0007**, www.loveknitting.com



START KNITTING HERE

SCARF

Using 7mm needles and yarn A, cast on 34 sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: k1, * (k1, p1, k1) into next st, p3tog, rep from * to last st, k1

Row 3: p

Change to yarn B

Row 4: k1, * p3tog, (k1, p1, k1) into next st, rep from * to last st, k1

Row 5: p

Using yarn C, rep Rows 2-3

Using yarn A, rep Rows 4-5
 Using yarn B, rep Rows 2-3
 Using yarn C, rep Rows 4-5
 Cont in two row stripe and bobble patt as set until Scarf meas approx 140cm in length, ending after a p row
 Cast off

Row 2: p2, * k2, p2, rep from

* to end

These two rows form rib

Rep Rows 1-2 three times more

Change to 7mm needles

Next row (inc row): p3, m1, * p5, m1, rep from * to last five sts, p3, m1, p2. 94 sts

MAIN PATTERN

Change to yarn B

Row 1: k1, * (k1, p1, k1) into next st, p3tog, rep from * to last st, k1

Row 2: p

Change to yarn C

Row 3: k1, * p3tog, (k1, p1, k1) into next st, rep from * to last st, k1

Row 4: p

Using yarn A, rep Rows 1-2
 Using yarn B, rep Rows 3-4

Using yarn C, rep Rows 1-2

Using yarn A, rep Rows 3-4

Cont in two row stripe and bobble patt as set until Hat meas 22cm

DECREASING FOR CROWN

Keeping stripe patt correct, work crown as follows:

Next row: k2, * p2tog, p1, k1, rep from * to end. 71 sts

Next row: p2, * p1, p2tog, rep

from * to end. 48 sts

Next row: k1, * p2tog, k1, rep from * to last two sts, p2tog. 32 sts

Next row: p2tog across row. 16 sts

Pass all sts over first st, pull tight and fasten off

To make up

Sew in all loose ends. With right sides of Hat facing, sew back seam using mattress stitch (see p92) **LK**



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BLACKBERRY STITCH: This is a simple way of creating a textured bobble pattern which will keep you nice and cozy in the winter. The great thing about scarf patterns is that they are easily adaptable – they can be as long or as wide as you like! However, if adding or reducing the number of stitches to adapt the scarf width, remember that the pattern repeat only works in multiples of four, and that you may require more yarn.



Jacket, £39.90, Uniqlo

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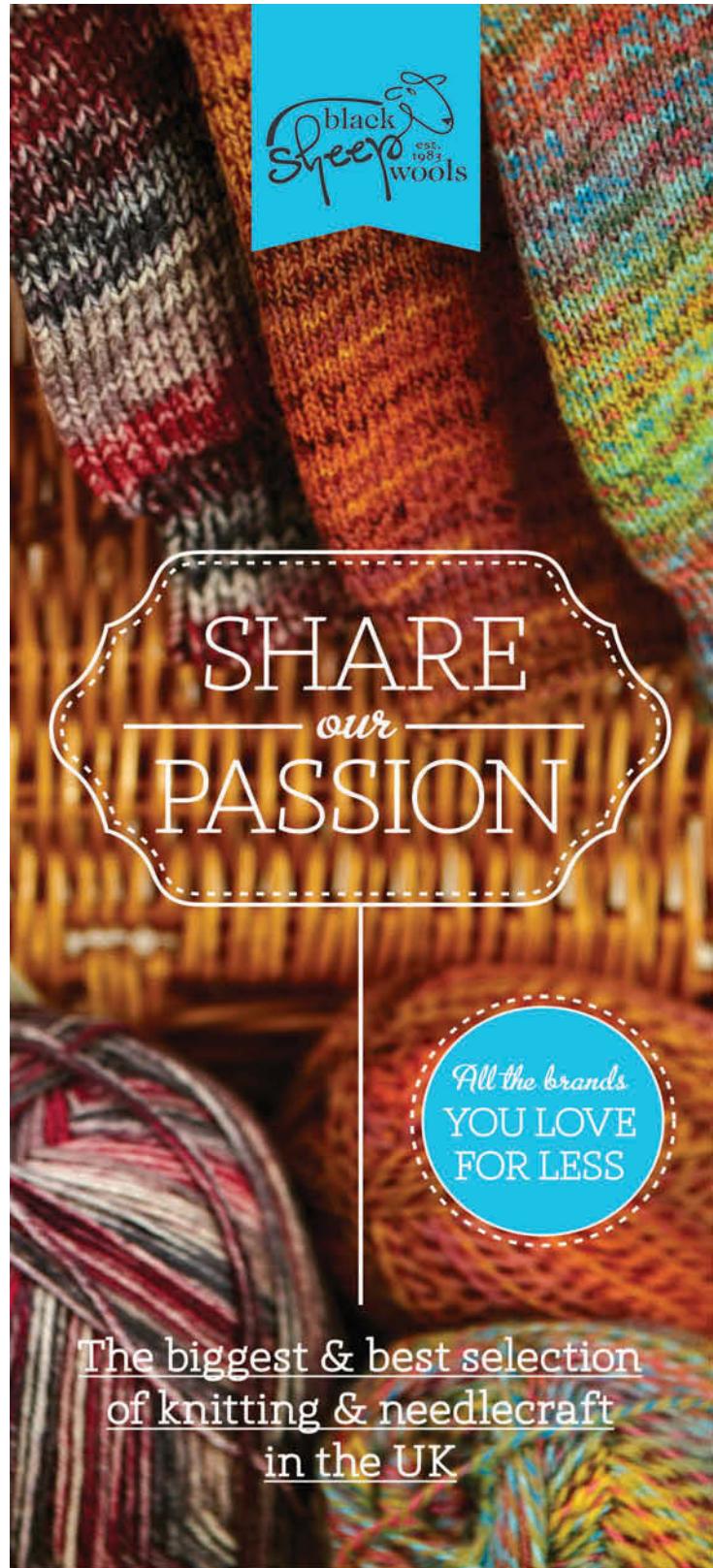
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LAP OF Luxury

From mulberry silk to the underbelly of an Arctic musk ox, we've got you sorted with luxury yarns this Christmas

The Christmas season is all about indulgence, whether it's a fabulous office party or a family gathering. Plus, it's a great excuse to add all of those luxurious yarns you've been coveting to your Christmas list. After all, you've worked hard all year - you deserve it!

8 Kidsilk Haze Eclipse

A new twist on the popular Kidsilk Haze range, Eclipse is new for this autumn/winter season and contains a shiny metallic thread to add a touch of sparkle to your festive knits. Available in a fashionable range of eight evening colours, it will make a beautiful light shawl for the Christmas party season. One 25g (200m) ball costs £8.80 from **01244 389310**, www.stashfineyarns.com



1 Arctic Quiviut

Quiviut (pronounced kiv-ee-ute) is one of the softest and rarest fibres in the world, taken from the delicate underwool of the Arctic musk ox and produced in the Alaskan North Pole. The 2ply yarn is beautifully light, and the more you touch it, the softer it gets! So you are perfectly justified in stroking the skein in your lap as you would a tiny kitten. It is available in both dyed and natural shades. Each 54.5g (182m) skein costs £165.24 from **01626 836203**, www.spinayarndevon.co.uk

7 Araucania Maipo

Maipo is a chunky 100% wool yarn, hand-dyed in Chile, named after the main river of the Santiago Metropolitan Region. Araucania celebrates traditional Chilean crafts in order to produce beautifully unique yarns in amazing variegated colourways, from subtle blends of blue to striking contrast colours. Each 100g (60m) skein costs £8.96 from **01792 456444**, www.knitandsew.co.uk

6 Colourmart Cashmere/Silk Fine Yarns

This beautiful cashmere and silk blend is a laceweight yarn with a beautiful sheen. The softness of cashmere balances perfectly with the crisp stitch definition of silk, creating a glamorous yarn which is ideal for Christmas knits. Colourmart stocks several different blends and shades, with prices beginning at £19.86 from **01743 466883**, www.colourmart.com

2 Louisa Harding Mulberry Hand Beaded

Louisa Harding's silk yarn is spun in Italy, before being shipped to Turkey and embellished by hand with tiny glass beads – making each skein unique. It is a plied DK yarn which is sure to add an elegant touch to your knits, and comes in ten beautiful colours. But take care, as this delicate yarn is hand wash only. Each 50g (65m) skein costs £12.95 from 0800 488 0708, www.deramores.com

3 Manos del Uruguay Wool Classica

This 100% wool yarn is hand-spun and kettle-dyed in Uruguay by rural women. It is part of a non-profit organisation which aims to bring economic and social opportunities to its artisans. It is a chunky thick-and-thin weight with subtle variations in colour, so it is best to alternate rows if using more than one hank to ensure an even look. For one 100g (126m) hank, prices start at £10.80 from 01829 740903, www.laughinghens.com

5 Artesano British Wool

A chunky yarn spun in Yorkshire by Laxtons Specialist Yarns, this fantastic skein is made from 100% British wool. Pure wool is designed to naturally insulate, so the yarn will be perfect for accessories which can be worn throughout winter. It is available in 12 gorgeous shades, ranging from turquoise to burgundy. One 100g (105m) skein costs £8.09 from 01453 889975, www.dragonyarns.co.uk

4 Shreya Silk Earl Aran

'Shreya' is the Sanskrit word for 'beautiful and auspicious' and this mulberry silk yarn has been hand dyed in India to ensure that the end result is just that. It has a fantastic sheen, meaning that any garment made will catch the light wonderfully. It is available in solid and variegated shades. Each 100g (180m) skein costs £15.50 from 0208 133 9336, www.luxuryyarns.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Dress size (approx): 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)
To fit chest (cm): 81.5 (86.5, 91.5, 96.5, 101.5, 106.5, 112, 117)
Actual chest (cm): 86.5 (91.5, 96.5, 101.5, 106.5, 112, 117, 122)
Back length (cm): 59 (59.5, 60, 60.5, 62, 62.5, 63, 64)

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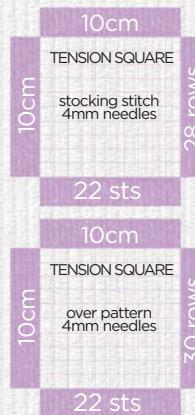
Yarn: Jenny Watson Pure Merino DK, shade WM8 Heather, 9 (9, 10, 10, 11, 11, 12, 12) 50g balls

Needles: 4mm (60cm), circular; 4mm, double-pointed

Stitch markers

Stitch holders

Tapestry needle



ABOUT THE YARN

Jenny Watson Pure Merino DK is 100% pure merino wool and is beautifully soft to the touch. It is available in 14 shades, and is perfect for winter garments..

Need an alternative yarn?

King Cole Merino Blend DK is 100% pure merino wool with anti-itch qualities. It is machine washable and comes in a wide range of colours.

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Jenny Watson Pure Merino DK costs £4.50 per 50g (124m) ball from 01743 245623, www.rkmwools.co.uk

King Cole Merino Blend DK costs £2.95 per 50g (112m) ball from 01924 565740, www.woolinstuff.co.uk

LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE GARMENT PATTERN

Carmen

 is a delightful *textured* cardigan by *Kelly Menzies*

The powdery pastel colour and beautiful lace effect make Carmen an ideal light cover-up as we edge into the winter months. Carmen combines simple techniques with those slightly more challenging which makes this pattern ideal for testing your knitting skills, and maybe even learning some new ones.

Lace Pattern

- Row 1: * k1, yfwd, sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pss0, yfwd, rep from * to end
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: k2tog, yfwd, * k1, yfwd, sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pss0, yfwd, rep from * to last two sts, k2
- Row 4: p

START KNITTING HERE

Body

Using 4mm circular needle cast on 200 (206, 216, 228, 240, 252, 260, 272) sts. Do NOT join in rnd
□ Work in [k1, p1] rib until work meas 4cm
□ Work 5 (9, 13, 13, 9, 9, 13, 13) rows in st st
□ Row 9: k1, p2, * p2, (k2, p4) four times, rep from * to last st, k1
□ Next row: p48 (50, 52, 55, 58, 61, 63, 66), pm, p104 (106, 112, 118, 124, 130, 134, 140), pm, p to end
This marks sides of garment

DECREASING FOR WAIST

□ Row 1: [k to three sts before marker, k2tog, k1, sm, k1, ssk] twice, k to end. 196 (202, 212, 224, 236, 248, 256, 268) sts
□ Rows 2-4: work in st st
□ Rep Rows 1-4 a further 9 (8, 7, 7, 8, 7, 7) times. 160 (170, 184, 196, 204, 216, 228, 240) sts
□ Work in st st for ten rows

INCREASING FOR BUST

□ Row 1: [k to one st before marker, m1, k1, sm, k1, m1] twice, k to end. 164 (174, 188, 200, 208, 220, 232, 244) sts
□ Rows 2-6: work in st st
□ Rep Rows 1-6 a further five times. 184 (194, 208, 220, 228, 240, 252, 264) sts

DECREASING FOR NECK

Change to Lace pattern

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AVOIDING CONFUSION

Garment patterns can be complex to follow, especially those with multiple sizes like this one, but there are several things you can do to help things run more smoothly:

- Before you cast on, read through the whole pattern from start to finish making sure you understand each stage
- Take a pen and highlight the size you're making throughout the pattern so you can see at a glance which number applies to you
- Take special care with 'AT THE SAME TIME' instructions. Trying to keep track of them in your head can be impossible so use a notebook to plot out the shaping you need to do on each row before you start
- Work up a swatch of the stitch pattern to familiarise yourself with it and have a practice at working decreases and increases whilst keeping the pattern correct
- If you get in a muddle with any pattern from Let's Knit don't forget you can always contact our helpline – email support@letsknit.co.uk or call 01206 508622.

NOTE: you may be in the middle of a four st rep when you need to dec or inc

- Row 1: k1, ssk, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: k1 (edge st), patt to end taking into account dec sts, k1 (edge st)
- Row 4: p
- Rep Rows 1-4 three times more. 176 (186, 200, 212, 220, 232, 244, 256) sts
Work should meas approx 42cm from cast-on edge

ARMHOLE SHAPING

Place 40 (43, 47, 50, 51, 54, 57, 60) sts on a holder
□ Cast off 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9) sts, (one edge st on LH needle) patt 90 (94, 100, 105, 110, 116, 122, 125), k1 (edge st)
□ Place rem 40 (43, 47, 50, 51, 54, 57, 60) sts on a holder

Back

□ With WS facing, cast off 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9) sts, p to end. 88 (92, 98, 102, 106, 112, 118, 118) sts
□ Dec one st at each end of next 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5) rows,

then next 0 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 5, 5) RS rows. 82 (84, 90, 94, 96, 98, 98, 98) sts

- Remembering to k first and last sts of every RS Row, work in patt without shaping until armhole meas 17 (17.5, 18, 18.5, 20, 20.5, 21, 22) cm ending after a WS row

RIGHT SHOULDER SHAPING

- Row 1: cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt 16 (17, 18, 20, 20, 20, 20) sts, turn
- Rows 2 and 4: p
- Row 3: cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt 12 (13, 13, 15, 15, 15, 15) sts, turn
- Row 5: cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt 8 (9, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10) sts, turn
- Row 6: p
- Cast off rem 8 (9, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10) sts of Right shoulder

LEFT SHOULDER SHAPING

- Place next 42 (42, 44, 44, 46, 48, 48, 48) sts on a holder for Neck, patt to end

KEEP KNITTING ON P44



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- Rows 1, 3 and 5: cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, p to end
- Rows 2 and 4: patt to end
- Row 6: patt to end
- Cast off rem 8 (9, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10) sts

Right front

Rejoin yarn to RS Neck edge. 40 (43, 47, 50, 51, 54, 57, 60) sts

- Row 1 (neck edge): k1, ssk, patt to end
- Row 2: cast off 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9) sts, p to end. 35 (38, 42, 44, 44, 47, 50, 50) sts
- Dec one st at armhole edge of next 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5) rows, then next 0 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 5, 5) RS rows **AT THE SAME TIME** cont with neck shaping dec one st at neck edge every four rows
- NOTE:** when armhole shaping is complete you should have 32 (33, 37, 39, 37, 38, 37, 37) sts
- Work in patt cont neck dec until 20 (21, 23, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25) sts rem
- Work without shaping until Right front armhole meas 17 (17.5, 18, 18.5, 20, 20.5, 21, 22) cm ending after a RS row

SHOULDER SHAPING

- Row 1: cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, p to end. 16 (17, 18, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20) sts
- Row 2: patt to end
- Rep Rows 1-2 twice more
- Cast off rem 8 (9, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10) sts of shoulder

Left front

Rejoin yarn to RS armhole edge of Left set of sts on holder. 40 (43, 47, 50, 51, 54, 57, 60) sts

- Cast off 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9) sts, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 35 (38, 42, 44, 44, 47, 50, 50) sts
- Dec one st at armhole edge of next 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5) rows, then next 0 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 5, 5) RS rows, **AT THE SAME TIME** cont neck shaping dec one sts at neck edge every four rows

NOTE: when armhole shaping is complete you should have 32 (33, 37, 39, 37, 38, 37, 37) sts

- Work in patt cont neck dec until 20 (21, 25, 25, 26, 26, 27, 27) sts
- Work without shaping until Right front armhole meas 17 (17.5, 18, 18.5, 20, 20.5, 21, 22) cm ending after a WS row



Skirt, £19.99, vest top £3.99,
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cm ending after a WS row

SHOULDER SHAPING

- Row 1: cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt to end. 16 (17, 18, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20) sts
- Row 2: p to end
- Rep Rows 1-2 twice more
- Cast off rem 8 (9, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10) sts of shoulder

Sleeves (make two)

NOTE: Sleeves are k in the rnd so all even rows in patt will be k instead of p
Using 4mm dpns cast on 44 (44, 44, 44, 48, 48, 52, 52) sts, pm and join in rnd being careful not to twist sts

- Work in [k1, p1] rib for 4cm
- Work in patt, cont four row rep, inc one st at beg and end of every foll 10th (9th, 7th, 7th, 7th, 6th, 6th, 6th) row 11 (12, 3, 16, 11, 6, 4, 8) times until there are 66 (68, 50, 76, 70, 60, 60, 68) sts
- Inc one st at each end of every 0 (0, 9th, 0, 10th, 7th,



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7th, 7th) row 0 (0, 10, 0, 4, 12, 14, 11) times until there are 66 (68, 70, 76, 78, 84, 88, 90) sts
 Work in patt without shaping until sleeve meas 43.5 (44.5, 45, 46, 46.5, 47, 48, 48.5) cm ending after a WS row

SHAPE SLEEVE CAP

NOTE: the rest of the sleeve is worked flat. Work backwards and forwards, purling even-numbered rows

Working in patt, cast off 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 9) sts at beg of next two rows. 58 (60, 62, 66, 66, 72, 76, 72) sts
 Dec one st at each end of next 2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5) rows, every RS row 8 (8, 10, 13, 11, 15, 17, 12) times and every fourth row 4 (5, 4, 3, 4, 2, 1, 4) times until 30 sts rem ending after a WS row
 Cast off three sts at beg of next four rows. 18 (18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18) sts
 Work should meas 13 (14, 14, 15, 15.5, 15.5, 16, 17) cm from armhole shaping
 Cast off last 18 sts
 Weave in ends and sew up Shoulder seams before starting buttonband

Buttonhole band

(right side)

Using 4mm circular needles, pick up and k 78 sts up Right front to start of patt rep, pm, pick up and k 48 (51, 51, 54, 54, 57, 57, 60) sts along neck and back of shoulder, k 21 (21, 22, 22, 23, 24, 24, 24) sts from holder at back of neck.

147 (150, 151, 154, 155, 159, 159, 162) sts

Row 1: work in [k1, p1] rib inc one st at marker. 148 (151, 152, 155, 156, 160, 160, 163) sts
 Row 2: rib to end
 Row 3: rib to marker, sm, rib 2, * work 2tog, rib 12, rep from * to last six sts, work k2tog, rib to end
 Row 4: rib 5, * yfwd, rib 13, rep from * four times more, yfwd, rib 2, rib 5, sm, rib to end
 Rows 5-6: keeping patt correct, work in [k1, p1] rib patt
 Cast off loosely in rib

Buttonhole band

(left side)

Using 4mm circular needles and with RS facing, k21 (21, 22, 22, 23, 24, 24, 24) sts from holder at back of neck, pick up and k 48 (51, 51, 54, 54, 57, 57, 60) sts along back of shoulder and neck to end of patt rep, pm, pick up and k 78 (78, 78, 78, 78, 78, 78, 78) sts down Left front of garment to cast-on edge. 147 (150, 151, 154, 155, 159, 159, 162) sts
 Work one row [k1, p1] rib, inc one st at marker. 148 (151, 152, 155, 156, 160, 160, 163) sts
 Work five more rows in rib
 Cast off loosely in rib

To make up

Weave in loose ends. Sew up back of neck and sew sleeves into armholes. Sew a button opposite each buttonhole. Block to measurements **LK**

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Length (approx): 32cm

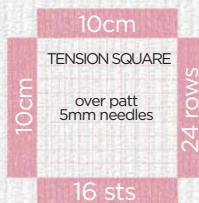
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Yarn: Juey BFL Aran, shade Lavender, two 50g balls

Needles: 5mm, double-pointed

Tapestry needle

Stitch marker



ABOUT THE YARN

Juey BFL Aran is a British made yarn which comes in a number of yummy ice cream shades. It is hand wash only, so be careful holding that cup of coffee!



Need an alternative yarn? Sirdar Hayfield Chunky With Wool is a cheap and cheerful mix of 80% acrylic and 20% wool. Colours range from pastel, all the way up to brights, and warm wintry shades.

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Juey BFL Aran costs £5.95 per 50g (65m) from 01422 647574, www.juey.co.uk

To get 25% off all Juey yarns and kits use the code 55NLS8QI5TL at the checkout



Sirdar Hayfield Chunky With Wool costs £2.80 per 100g (145m) from 0845 5760 007, www.loveknitting.com

LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE ACCESSORY PATTERN

Husky

will keep your *hands* toasty when the *weather* is bitter

Arm warmers are a great solution for those of us who like to be cosy, and active at the same time. These stylish, textured mitts give you the freedom to type and you guessed it, knit to your hearts content wherever you might be this chilly Christmas season. Julie Ferguson has used gorgeously soft Juey yarn that simply hugs your hands.

START KNITTING HERE

Using 5mm dpns, cast on 32 sts. Join in rnd being careful not to twist sts, pm at beg of rnd
□ Rnd 1: * p3, (k1, yfwd, k1) into next st, rep from * to end. 48 sts
□ Rnds 2-3: * p3, k3, rep from * to end
□ Rnd 4: * p3, k3tog, rep from * to end. 32 sts
□ Rnds 5-6: p
□ Rnd 7: * p1, (k1, yfwd, k1) into next st, p2, rep from * to

end. 48 sts

□ Rnds 8-9: * p1, k3, p2, rep from * to end
□ Rnd 10: * p1, k3tog, p2, rep from * to end. 32 sts
□ Rnds 11-12: p
□ Rep Rnds 1-12 three times more
□ Rep Rnds 1-11 once more

THUMBHOLE

NOTE: work backwards and forwards in rows
□ Next row (WS): k
□ Next row: * p3, (k1, yfwd, k1) into next st, rep from *

to end. 48 sts

□ Next two rows: * p3, k3, rep from * to end
□ Next row: * p3, k3tog, rep from * to end. 32 sts
□ Next row: k
Cont to work in rnd
□ P two rnds
□ Next rnd: * p2tog, p14, rep from * to end
□ Next rnd: * p3, k3, rep from * to end
□ Rep last rnd eight times more
□ Cast off loosely

To make up

Weave in all ends **LK**



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Sign up to our forum www.homecraftforums.com to find like-minded knitters and crocheters and enter our cute critters challenge

Here's what our fab forum members have been busy making!



This is my Christmas crochet.
KNITTINGQUEENUK

I thought I would just share with you some of the little dolls I make.
PatriciaFlower11



Here is my votive cosy from issue 50.
MARSP

ZOTM of the month

Last month we asked if you'd started your Christmas knitting yet. 60% of you said yes and here are a few of the comments:

Of course! I've already knitted a few presents, and when I've finished my Christmas jumper I'll be doing some decorations! Christmas is my favourite part of the knitting season.
Jennifer May

Big fat woolly yes!!
Lizzie Murray

I've made a Christmas knitting list, I'm just hoping Santa's elves will help me knit it all.
Ali Johnson

Not yet. Hope to start next month. I LOVE knitting Christmas novelties. They are so much fun and magazines have lots more ideas. Can't wait.
Karen Inglis



This month we'd like to know if you think knitting should be taught in schools? Let us know at www.letsknit.co.uk/poll and we'll reveal the statistic next month!



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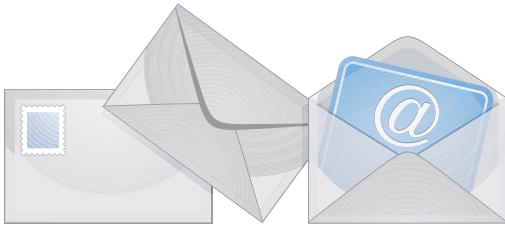
"If you could knit a garment/toy/accessory for anyone, who would it be and why?"

You responded:

I'd knit an Ashes urn for England cricket captain Alistair Cook. Great cricketer, nice bloke & drop dead gorgeous!
@AlpacaJo

I want to knit a pair of socks for my dad, he's dealing with his brother being very ill at the moment
@wyvernfriend

My sister @AshSchleinkofer because she wants an American flag throw blanket.
@purplepassion82



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Essex, CO2 8JY or email abbi.henderson@aceville.co.uk

Over to YOU!

Knitting Therapy

I have enclosed a photo of my five month old granddaughter, Jessica, wearing her St Nicholas suit from issue 61. Suffering from arthritis I had to give up cross stitch but rediscovered knitting when my daughter was expecting. My physiotherapist tells me that my hobby of knitting anything and everything is doing me good, although my husband sometimes comments "Oh no not knitting again!" I reply "It keeps my brain and hands busy and my mouth shut." He has no answer to that!

Janet Paley, Leeds

Thank you for your lovely letter Janet, we think your granddaughter looks absolutely adorable in her little Christmas suit and stripey tights. It's a shame you aren't able to cross stitch any more, but we're delighted that you've rediscovered knitting.



Sidney's Success

I just had to share my excitement. I knitted Sidney the Owl from the free kit in the May and decided to enter him in the Knitted Toy Section of our local agricultural show at Great Eccleston. To my complete surprise I won 1st Prize from 16 entries, with judges comments of 'A lovely owl which made me smile, very nicely knitted and stuffed'. I am so proud. Thank you Lets Knit for the free kit!

Jayne Davey via email

You are very welcome Jayne, and thank you for sharing your success with us. Sidney has won the hearts of many, and you have done a fantastic job of re-creating him. Congratulations from the LK team!



A Knitting Hubby

I wanted your readers to see the summer top my husband knitted me. He has only been knitting for four months and has already gone from scarves to the Madison sweater in issue 68. I love my new top. I am so proud and can't wait for the next one!

Joanne Allen via email

Joanne, we are very impressed with your husband's knitting skills. He's what we like to call a naturally gifted knitter. We hope you aren't fighting over your copy of Let's Knit!



Tip of the month

I store my yarn in clear sandwich bags. I can then search for the right colour without them being all jumbled together!

SARAH WENDY WILLIAMS VIA FACEBOOK

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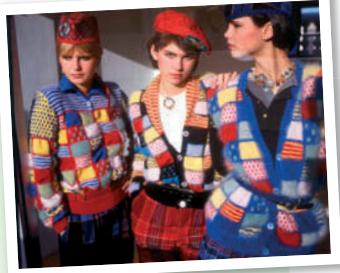
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Roberts Reminder

I was very interested to read the article about Patricia Roberts in Issue 71. She was my knitting heroine in the '70s and '80s and I often visited her shop in Kinnerton Street. I knitted the Scrabble sweater several times in pure silk and cotton. I also knitted lots of mohair sweaters which were very trendy at that time. The colours were gorgeous and I still have some of the books.



I knitted the Scrabble blanket when my first grandson was born two years ago and it is now being used by his baby brother Arthur. Thank you for such an interesting article and taking me on a trip down Memory Lane!

Christina Bailey via email

Thank you for your letter Christina. Patricia Roberts is an inspiration to many, and we're very glad our mag sparked a little nostalgia in you!

Artistic Artesano

Thought you might like to see what I made from the Artesano wool I won in a recent giveaway. I adapted various magazine patterns in order to make these. I can't believe how far the wool went!

Elizabeth McCaffrey via email

Wow Elizabeth, we are very impressed! We absolutely love the patterns, and that bag is beautiful!



Beautiful Bonnet

I've knitted the Betty Bonnet from September issue's free knit and I love it! It was a beautiful little project to knit and I'm really happy with the end result. I think the light grey colour is ideal for this vintage knit. It looks classic and feminine. Not everything needs to be pink to be girly!



The shops are full of pink hats so why not knit something a bit more distinctive? Thank you for yet another fantastic free gift.

Karen Muldoon via email

Karen, we take such pride and joy in seeing our readers' makes, especially when patterns and yarn have been taken from the LK free gifts. We're very pleased that you liked the gift, and are happy with your finished bonnet. Please continue to send us photos of your knits!

Knitters on THE NET



Here's what our fabulous followers have been fashioning:



Star knit

Casper the African grey met the knitted grey. Not impressed and blew a raspberry, but my sister loved it! **@craftymoosey**



I designed and crocheted this for Christmas... Last week!

@MaryKnitsUK



Me and a friend made some tiny hedgehogs yesterday!

Bethan Davies



I made this cute bag. **Hiedi King**



My godsons are ready to go back to school. **@Dee_liteful_Yau**

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Why I my knitting group

"I love the way my knitting club isn't just about the yarn, we've become a tight group of friends who are there for each other. Plus there's always someone to help with a pattern or yarn quandary."

Katy Hewson, Walsall

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Purls of WISDOM

By Claire Thomas



Roll up your sleeves

Today, unusually, I am the Grinch. Normally I love Christmas, with its goodwill to all men, novelty socks, and chocolate Christmas tree decorations that get eaten within two days of the tree going up. My eldest claims that the dog did it, an excuse that would be slightly more convincing if we had a dog. And I love Christmas sweaters, designed as they are purely to show off a dazzling range of knitting skills from intarsia to beading, lacy cuffs to... set-in sleeves. Yes, it's the sleeves that are causing me the problem this year.

It's not just set-in sleeves. It's any sleeves. I just don't like knitting them. Even simple drop sleeves rouse my ire. You see, I am a lazy knitter, especially at this time of year, and so sleeves are the very devil to me, because you just have to keep concentrating while you knit

them. As soon as I see those words "increase every 4th row" (or 6th or 8th), my heart sinks. I increase two stitches here, two stitches there, and count anxiously all the rows in between - except when I'm counting to check that I have the right number of stitches. When you get to the end of the increases, you get to knit straight, which is the bit I like, because you can give your full attention to selecting another Quality Street from the tin, or the build-up to the EastEnders Christmas Special storyline (now with added woe). But you only get to do that for a measly few inches before you have to start decreasing, and then you're back to concentrating again. Sleeves are so fiddly.

And do you know what the worst of it is? You have to make two of the beastly things. Of course, there are plenty of knitted garments that come in pairs; socks, gloves, stripy knitted loon pants for the retro-70s ambition queen - but sleeves are



by far the worst. Only sleeves are just complicated enough to require you to concentrate, but not complicated enough to be interesting. Additionally, you don't have to knit socks, gloves or loon pants; legwarmers, arm-warmers or earmuffs if you don't want to. You can take the advice so frequently offered by the non-knitting philistine and skip down to Primark to load up a basket full of these things for less than the price of two skeins of sock yarn. But there's no getting out of knitting sleeves. Every sweater you will ever make needs

sleeves. Short sleeves, long sleeves, or really long sleeves like the ones I prefer to wear, right down over my hands. Some would say that this makes me look a bit like I'm wearing a straitjacket. I say that this is the inevitable result of too much sleeve knitting.

There are options, of course. I could give up wearing long sleeves, but I don't think tank tops suit me. I could knit both sleeves at once, which condenses the aggro of knitting sleeves into a shorter time space. Of course, the down side is that it still involves knitting sleeves. Or I could embrace the complication of sleeves, add a little snowflake pattern down them, and enjoy the interest they bring me...but then I'll have no idea what's happening in EastEnders at all. I'm still deciding. Pass me another green triangle, eh? I could be here some time...

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Claire Thomas is a freelance journalist and founder of *Stitch 'n' Bitch* group *Knit Pickers*.

LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE BABY PATTERNS

Blossom & Bumble

are cosy baby
bonnets designed
by *Jane Burns*

These sweet bonnets offer the perfect solution to keeping your little cherubs warm this Christmas. With current trends heavily influenced by vintage products, these little bonnets are right on trend due to their Victorian-themed shaping. The differing designs offer a variation in technique and give you the freedom to choose your favourite style.

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MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Blossom: 3-18 months

Bumble:

3-12 months (18 months -3yrs)

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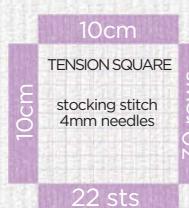
Yarn: Jenny Watson Babysoft DK with Cashmere, **Blossom:** (A) shade WCH7, one 50g ball

Bumble: (A) shade WCH7, oddment, (B) shade WCH12, one 50g ball

Needles: **Blossom:** 4mm straight, 4mm crochet hook,

Bumble: 4mm straight, 3.25mm double-pointed

Buttons: **Bumble:** small, two



ABOUT THE YARN

Jenny Watson Babysoft DK is a blend of 45% extra fine merino, 50% polyamide and 5% Cashmere. The yarn is very versatile, and as the name suggests it's silky smooth and perfect for babies. It comes in 12 shades from powdery pastels to striking brights.

Need an alternative yarn?

Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK is a delicate yarn with a blend of 75% extra fine merino, 20% silk, 5% Cashmere and comes in 42 gorgeous colourways. Use shades 301 Chloe and 357 Tiffany as yarn replacements for the bonnets.

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Jenny Watson Babysoft DK costs £3.72 per 50g (110m) ball from 01789 773021, www.wisegarder.com



Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK costs £5.86 per 50g (116m) ball from 01273 456570, www.englishyarns.co.uk



BUMBLE

BLOSSOM

knitwise

APPLIED I-CORD: knit the four sts cast on for i-cord, using same needle pick up and k first st from neck edge

- * Slide sts to other end of needle (without turning), pull yarn tight across back, k3, sl1, k1, pss0, pick up and k next st along Neck edge, rep from * until 42 (45) sts have been picked up along Neck edge
- Cont i-cord (without picking up sts) to form second tie as indicated in pattern.
- Cast off

START KNITTING HERE

Blossom

NOTE: slip first st pwise with yarn held in front of each RS row to produce attractive slip st selvedge for picking up sts for crown of bonnet

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, leaving a long tail, cast on 22 sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Work Rows 1-12 of Chart nine times
- Cast off

Block lace and allow to dry thoroughly

With RS facing, pick up and k 70 sts evenly around selvedge edge

- Row 1 and all WS rows: p
- Row 2: (k8, k2tog) seven times. 63 sts
- Row 4: (k7, k2tog) seven times. 56 sts
- Row 6: (k6, k2tog) seven times. 49 sts
- Row 8: (k5, k2tog) seven times. 42 sts
- Row 10: (k4, k2tog) seven times. 35 sts
- Row 12: (k3, k2tog) seven times. 28 sts
- Row 14: (k2, k2tog) seven

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times. 21 sts

Row 16: (k1, k2tog) seven

times. 14 sts

Row 18: (k2tog) seven

times. Seven sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off.

To make up

Sew centre back seam from crown to start of lace shaping

Ties (make two)

Using a 4mm crochet hook, make a crochet chain approx 25cm long.

Sew a tie to each side of inner front edge of bonnet.

Bumble

Using 4mm straight needles and yarn B, leaving a long tail, cast on 71 (81) sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Rep Rows 1-2 once more

Row 5: * k2tog, yfwd, rep from * to last st, k1. 71 (81) sts

Rows 6: p

Rep Rows 1-2 13 (14) more times

KEY

k on RS, p on WS

/ k2tog

O yon, yfwd

\ sl1, k2tog, pss0

1 ssk

- p on RS, k on WS



CROWN SHAPING

NOTE: pm at beg and end of next row

- Row 1: k4, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, * k7, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, rep from * to last four sts, k4. 57 (65) sts
- Rows 2 and all even rows: p
- Rows 3, 7 and 11: k
- Row 5: k3, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, * k5, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 43 (49) sts
- Row 9: k2, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, * k3, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, rep from * to last two sts, k2. 29 (33) sts
- Row 13: * k1, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, rep from * to last st, k1. 15 (17) sts
- Row 14: p

FIRST SIZE ONLY

- Row 15: * sl 1, k2tog, pss0, rep from * to end. Five sts

SECOND SIZE ONLY

- Row 15: * sl 1, k2tog, pss0, rep from * to last two sts, k2. Seven sts

ALL SIZES

- Cut yarn leaving a long tail, pull through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Sew back seam from crown to marker

Picot edging

Fold first four rows of bonnet to the wrong side so that the eyelets in Row 5 form a picot edge and slip st hem in place along cast on edge

Neck edging

NOTE: tie cords and neck edging are worked in one piece using applied i-cord method (see Knitwise) Using 3.25mm dpns, cast on four sts

- Row 1: * k to end, slide these

four sts to other end of needle, do NOT turn work

- Rep Row 1 until i-cord meas 22 (25) cm
- Pick up and k 42 (45) sts around neck edging using applied i-cord method (see Knitwise)
- Cont working i-cord as in Row 1 until second neck tie meas 22 (25) cm

Butterfly

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 15 sts

- Rows 1, 3 and 11: k
- Rows 2 and all even rows: p
- Rows 5, 7 and 9: sl 1, k1, ssk, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. Nine sts
- Rows 13 and 15: sl 1, k1, m1, k to last two sts, m1, k2. 13 sts
- Row 16: p
- Cast off

To make up

Weave in ends. Wrap a length of yarn B around centre of butterfly several times to form body. Sew in place. Sew butterfly to side of bonnet and bullion stitch or French knot the antennae of butterfly (using image as a guide). Sew two buttons on to complete. Ensure all small pieces are applied securely to bonnet to avoid risk of choking **LK**

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MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Length, not including

fringing: 142cm

Width, knitted section: 24cm

Flowers: 7cm diameter

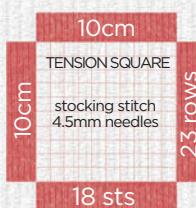
KNIT KIT

Yarn: Bergere de France Pixel, shade 25405 Guirlande, four 50g balls

Needles: 4.5mm

Crochet hook

Clover flower loom



ABOUT THE YARN

Bergere de France Pixel is a mix of a soft core yarn spun with a thin satin accent, creating an unusual textured effect. It is available in ten strong colours.

Need an alternative yarn?

To add even more sparkle to your scarf, **Rico Design Fashion**

Julia Aran is a light cotton yarn with a metallic lurex thread in six striking colours.

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SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

ppk1: position petal on LH needle, knit loop of petal together with next st



Bergere de France Pixel costs £4.09 per 50g (105m) ball from **0800 488 0708**, www.deramores.com

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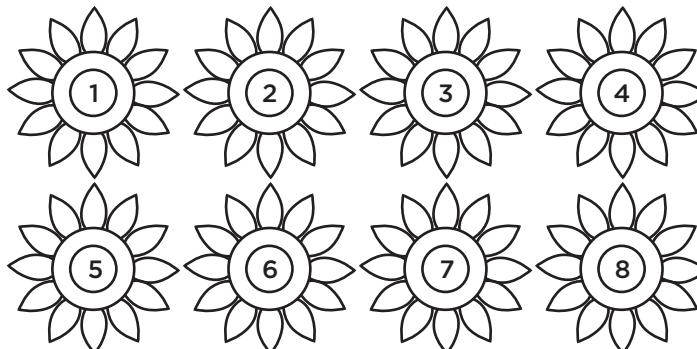
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LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE ACCESSORY PATTERN

Daisy is a striking scarf by Cheryl Murphy with an amazing flower motif

Made using a traditional flower loom and dropped stitches, **Daisy** is a truly unique fashion accessory for the winter season. It is knitted in Bergere de France Pixel, a bold yarn with a fantastic sparkly finish. Try wearing it with neutral clothes in plain colours so that it really stands out as the main feature of your outfit.



Flowers

Make up 32 flowers as per loom manufacturer's instructions on making and attaching, following the diagram for flower positions

START KNITTING HERE

Section One

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 39 sts

Rows 1-3: k

- Row 4: k one row wrapping yarn around needle three times for each st
- Row 5: k to end dropping extra wraps from prev row
- Rows 6-10: k
- Row 11: rep Row 4
- Row 12: rep Row 5
- Rows 13-17: k
- Row 18: rep Row 4
- Row 19: rep Row 5
- Rows 20-23: k
- NOTE:** edge of flowers are secured with two sts
- Row 24: to thread on flowers, ppk1 (flower 5), k5, ppk1 (flower 5), k8, ppk1 (flower 6), k7, ppk1 (flower 7), k8, ppk1 (flower 8), k5, ppk1 (flower 8)
- Cast off

Section Two

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 39 sts

- Row 1: ppk1 (flower 1), k5, ppk1 (flower 1), k8, ppk1 (flower 2), k7, ppk1 (flower 3), k8, ppk1 (flower 4), k5, ppk1 (flower 4)
- Rows 2-6: k
- Row 7: k one row wrapping yarn around needle three times for each st
- Row 8: k to end dropping extra wraps from prev row
- Rows 9-13: k
- Row 14: rep Row 7
- Row 15: rep Row 8
- Rows 16-20: k
- Row 21: rep Row 7
- Row 22: rep Row 8
- Rows 23-26: k
- Row 27: ppk1 (flower 5), k5, ppk1 (flower 5), k8, ppk1 (flower 6), k7, ppk1 (flower 7), k8, ppk1 (flower 8), k5, ppk1 (flower 8)
- Cast off
- Rep Section Two twice more

Section Five

Work as Section Two until Row 24

Cast off
Weave in ends

To make up

Join sections by lining up flowers according to flower layout diagram and linking petals together with yarn. Link the petals of flowers next to each other in each row. Weave in all ends.



Loop fringe

There will be 23 fringes at each end. Cut 92 lengths of yarn each 56cm long, fold in half. Using two strands together for each fringe, space evenly on the ends of the scarf. Insert crochet hook and draw the strands through the fabric, pass the ends of the strands through the loop with the hook, and fasten **LK**

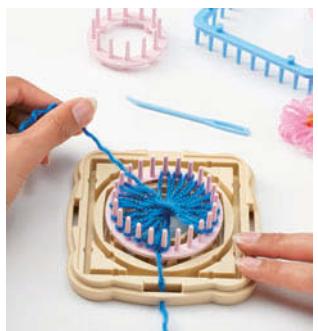


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USING A FLOWER LOOM

There are many different types of flower looms, and crafters have been winding yarn around points to make shapes for a very long time! The simple technique involves wrapping yarn around opposite points of the loom in order to form petals, as demonstrated below using a Clover loom. The centre is then formed by weaving yarn through the base of the petals and securing in the centre of the flower. Clover's loom has six different shapes, so once you practise the technique, you will be able to make all sorts of varieties to decorate your home!



 "There are loads of things you could make from a flower loom – why not string together a garland to decorate the shelves in your bedroom, or have a go at knitting jewellery?"

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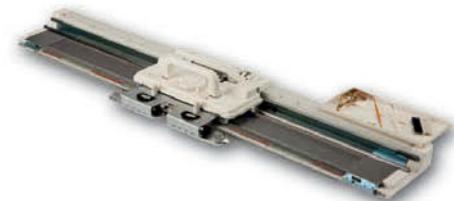
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Miranda

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Anniken Allis

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*"I love the detailing of *Miranda*. This fab design gives us ladies an easy way to be snuggly, but look presentable at the same time."*



LK EDITORIAL ASSISTANT
KERRY KNIGHT MAHER

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Dress size (approx):			
8-10	(12-14,	16-18,	20-22)
To fit bust (cm):	86	(97,	107,
			117)
Actual chest (cm):	93	(104,	109,
			120)
Length (cm):	52	(53,	54.5,
			55.5)

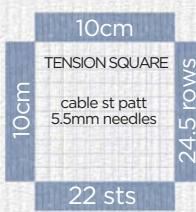
KNIT KIT

Yarn: Debbie Bliss Bluefaced Leicester Aran, shade 46009 Fuchsia, 11 (12, 13, 14) 50g skeins

Needles: 5.5mm, straight; 5.5mm, circular (80cm or 100cm for body, 60cm for sleeves)

Cable needle

Stitch holder



ABOUT THE YARN

Debbie Bliss Bluefaced Leicester Aran is a British yarn made of 100% wool. It is machine washable, comes in 22 gorgeous shades and is perfect for winter jumpers.



Need an alternative yarn? Sirdar Supersoft Aran yarn is 100% acrylic, and is also machine washable. Choose shade 902 Fab Fuchsia for an almost exact colour match.

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SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

C3R: sl 2 sts on to cn, hold in back, k1, k2 from cn

C3L: sl 1 st on to cn, hold in front, k2, k1 from cn

Kst and wrap tog (on a k row): Insert RH needle up through wrap then into st, kst and wrap tog

Pst and wrap tog (on a p row): From k side of work, lift wrap and place in front of p st, p st and wrap tog



Debbie Bliss Bluefaced

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Chart KEY

RS: knit,
WS: purl (flat)
RS: knit (rnd)

C3R

C3L

CHART (worked in the rnd)

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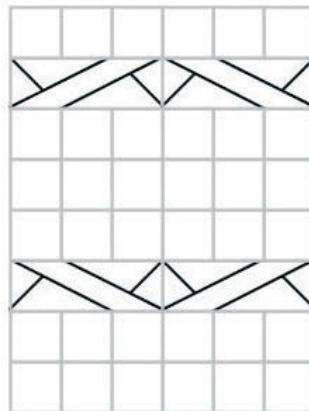
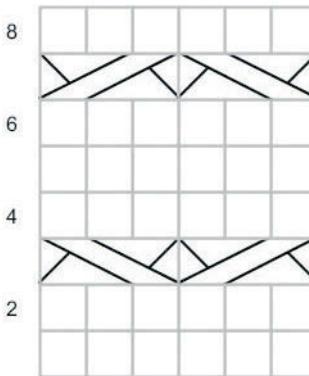


CHART (worked flat)

6 5 4 3 2 1



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Body

Using 5.5mm circular needle, cast on 204 (228, 240, 264) sts. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts, pm to mark beg of the rnd and after 102 (114, 120, 132) sts

Work four rnds in st st
Rnd 5: [k2tog, yfwd] rep to end

Work five rnds st st

Commence Chart (working in the rnd) and work without shaping until Body meas 34 (33.5, 34, 34) cm ending after an even-numbered rnd

NOTE: Front and Back will now be worked separately to Shoulders

Place sts for Front on a holder

Back

NOTE: Work back and forth, using Chart (worked flat). 102 (114, 120, 132) sts

□ Beg with a RS row, cast off 4 (5, 7, 8) sts at beg of next two rows. 94 (104, 106, 116) sts

□ Next row (RS): k2, ssk, work in patt to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Next row (WS): p2, p2tog, p to last four sts, p2tog tbl, p2

□ Rep last two rows 1 (3, 3, 3) times more. 86 (88, 90, 100) sts

□ Cont to dec as set on RS rows only 3 (3, 2, 4) times more. 80 (82, 86, 92) sts

□ Work without shaping until Back meas 51 (52, 53.5, 54.5) cm ending after a WS row

SHAPE RIGHT NECK

□ Next row (RS): patt 22 (23, 24, 26) sts, turn

□ Next row: p1, p2tog, p to end

□ Next row: work in patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 20 (21, 22, 24) sts

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

□ Next row: p14 (16, 16, 18), w&t

□ Next row: work in patt to end

□ Next row: p7 (8, 8, 9), w&t

□ Next row: work in patt to end

□ Next row: p to end, p sts and wraps tog

Place sts on a holder

SHAPE LEFT NECK

Place 36 (36, 38, 40) sts from centre back on a holder, rejoin yarn at neck edge

□ Next row (RS): work in patt to end. 22 (23, 24, 26) sts

□ Next row: p to last three sts, p2tog tbl, p1

□ Next row: k1, ssk, work in patt to end. 20 (21, 22, 24) sts

□ Next row: p to end

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

□ Next row: patt 14 (16, 16, 18) sts, w&t

□ Next row: p to end

□ Next row: patt 7 (8, 8, 9) sts, w&t

□ Next row: p to end

□ Next row: work in patt to end, k sts and wrap tog

Place sts on a holder

Front

NOTE: neck shaping starts during armhole shaping
Rejoin yarn at side of Front to work a RS row

□ Cast off 4 (5, 7, 8) sts at beg of next two rows. 94 (104, 106, 116) sts

□ Next row: k2, ssk, work in patt to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Next row: p2, p2tog, p to last

four sts, p2tog tbl, p2

□ Rep last two rows 1 (3, 3, 3) times more. 86 (88, 90, 100) sts

SHAPE LEFT NECK/ARMHOLE

□ Next row (RS): k2, ssk, patt 21 (22, 22, 26) sts, k2tog, k1, turn

Place rem sts on a holder

□ Next row: p1, p2tog, p to end

□ Next row: k2, ssk, work in patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1

□ Next row: p to end

□ Next row: dec as set on RS rows only 1 (1, 0, 2) times more at armhole edge and 2 (2, 2, 2) times more at neck edge. 20 (21, 22, 24) sts

□ Work without shaping until Left Front matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending after a RS row

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

□ Next row (WS): p14 (16, 16, 18), w&t

□ Next row: work in patt to end

□ Next row: p7 (8, 8, 9), w&t

□ Next row: work in patt to end

□ Next row: p to end, p sts and wraps tog

Place sts on a holder

SHAPE RIGHT NECK

□ Next row (RS): place centre 30 (30, 32, 34) sts on a holder, rejoin yarn at neck edge, k1, ssk, work in patt to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Next row: p to last three sts, p2tog tbl, p1

□ Next row: k1, ssk, work in patt to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Next row: cont to dec as set on RS rows only 1 (1, 0, 2) times more at armhole edge and 2 (2, 2, 2) times more at neck edge. 20 (21, 22, 24) sts

□ Work without shaping until Right front matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

□ Next row (RS): patt 14 (16, 16, 18) sts, w&t

□ Next row: p to end

□ Next row: patt 7 (8, 8, 9) sts, w&t

□ Next row: p to end

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PICOT EDGES

The attractive picot effect on the hem and cuffs of this sweater is created by working an eyelet row four or five rounds from the end. This is then folded inwards and stitched down so that the eyelets create a fluted effect along the edge.

- Next row: work in patt to end, k sts and wraps tog
- Place sts on a holder
- Join shoulders by working a three-needle cast off on WS row (see p25)

Sleeves

NOTE: Sleeves are worked in st st

- Starting at underarm, pick up and k 4 (5, 7, 8) sts from underarm, 31 (33, 36, 37) sts to shoulder, 31 (33, 36, 37) sts to underarm, 4 (5, 7, 8) sts from underarm. Join to work in the rnd, pm to mark beg of rnd. 70 (76, 86, 90) sts
- Rnd 1: k47 (50, 58, 60), w&t. (12 (12, 15, 15) sts past shoulder point)
- Rnd 2: p24 (24, 30, 30), w&t. (12 (12, 15, 15) sts past shoulder point)
- Rnd 3: k to wrapped st, k st and wrap tog, k1, w&t
- Rnd 4: p to wrapped st, p st and wrap tog, p1, w&t
- Rep last two rows until only underarm sts rem unworked
- Next rnd: k to underarm sts, k across underarm sts, cont to k in the rnd around armhole
- Work ten rnds st st
- Dec one st at beg and end of next rnd and every foll eighth rnd 1 (0, 2, 0) times more. 66 (74, 80, 88) sts
- Work without shaping until sleeve meas 28 (29, 30, 31) cm from underarm
- Next rnd: (k2tog, yfwd) to end
- Work five rnds in st st
- Cast off

To make up

Fold hem on Body and Sleeves to create picot edge and stitch in place. Weave in loose ends

Neckband

- Starting at Left shoulder with RS facing, pick up and k 30 (32, 34, 36) sts to Front neck, k30 (30, 32, 34) from Front neck, pick up and k 30

(32, 34, 36) sts to Right shoulder, five sts to Back neck, k36 (36, 38, 40) from Back neck, pick up and k five sts to Left shoulder. Join to work in the rnd. Place a marker to

mark beg of rnd

- Rnd 1: p to end
- Rnd 2: k to end
- Rnd 3: p to end
- Cast off

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MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Isis: 180cm x 40cm

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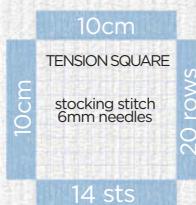
Yarn: King Cole Riot Chunky, (A) shade 653 Seashore, (B) shade 652 Dawn, (C) shade 662 Lava, two 100g balls of each

Needles: 6mm

Buttons: assorted, medium, ten

Snap fasteners: 9mm, eight

Tapestry needle



ABOUT THE YARN

King Cole Riot Chunky is a variegated yarn available in 13 different colourways. It is made from 30% wool and 70% acrylic.

Need an alternative yarn?

James C. Brett Passion Chunky is a similar yarn in slightly darker colourways, for a more subtle effect. It is machine washable at 30°C.

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King Cole Riot Chunky costs £4.13 per 100g (134m) ball from 0117 300 5211, www.getknitted.com



James C. Brett Passion Chunky costs £3.85 per 100g (146m) ball from 0845 519 7897, www.knittybitz.com

LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE GARMENT PATTERNS

Isis is a *versatile* wardrobe *essential* by Jan Henley

Isis is a rectangular garment which works just like magic! It can be worn as a wrap, a scarf, or buttoned as a cowl or snood. However, by doing up the snap fasteners and turning the garment inside out you can not only create a shrug with a rolled collar, but by undoing the fasteners it can be changed into a warm top by wrapping the garment round your torso in a crossed-over manner and fastening the buttons at the rear. Phew!



Garter ridge pattern

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: k3, p to last three sts, k3

These two rows form the 'trough'

- Rows 3-4: k
- These two rows form the 'ridge'

START KNITTING HERE

Main body

NOTE: colour sequence works as follows: B and A, B and C, A and C, A and B, C and B, C and A

Using yarn A, cast on 60 sts using cable cast on method

- Rows 1-6: k
- Rows 7-8: join yarn B and work Rows 1-2 of Garter Ridge Patt carrying yarn A neatly up side of work
- Rows 9-10: using yarn A, work Rows 3-4 of Garter Ridge Patt
- Rows 11-18: rep Garter Ridge Patt twice more using yarns B and A as set, cut yarn A
- Rows 19-20: using yarn B, work Rows 1-2 from Garter Ridge Patt
- Rows 21-22: join in yarn C, work Rows 3-4 from Garter Ridge Patt
- Rows 23-30: using yarns B and C as set, rep Garter Ridge Patt twice more cutting yarn B after Row 28
- Rows 31-32: rejoin yarn A and work Rows 1-2 of Garter Ridge Patt
- Rows 33-34: using yarn C, work Rows 3-4 of Garter Ridge Patt
- Rows 35-42: rep Garter Ridge Patt twice more, cut yarn C

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ABLE TO CABLE? Casting on in the cable method involves inserting your needle between the last two stitches, rather than through the last stitch (turn to p91 for full illustrations). This creates a tight cast-on edge which will guarantee that *Isis* does not lose its shape – ideal for a project that can be worn in so many different ways!



FAB
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PURPOSE
GARMENT



*"There may well
be other ways of
wearing Isis –
real skulduggery
is afoot here!"*

LK DESIGNER JAN HENLEY



Dress, £40,
Oasis; shawl pin,
stylist's own

- ❑ Rows 43-44: using yarn A, work Rows 1-2 from Garter Ridge Patt
- ❑ Rows 45-46: join in yarn B and work Rows 3-4 from Garter Ridge Patt
- ❑ Rows 47-54: rep Garter Ridge Patt twice more, cut yarn A
- ❑ Rejoin yarn C and cont to work as set keeping colour sequence correct until 95 'ridges' have been worked

Finishing

- ❑ Keeping colour sequence correct, work Rows 1-2 of Garter Ridge Patt, cut yarn
- ❑ Keeping colour sequence correct, k two rows and cont with buttonhole band using this yarn

BUTTONHOLE BAND

- ❑ K2, ** bring yarn to front of work, sl one st from LH needle on to RH needle, pass yarn to back of work, *** sl next st

from LH needle onto RH needle, and pass first slipped st over (one st cast off), rep from *** once more (two sts cast off), sl last cast off st back onto your LH needle and turn work

❑ Pass working yarn to back of work, cable cast on two sts on to LH needle plus one st extra (three in total) as folls: insert RH needle between first and second st on LH needle, draw through a loop and sl this back on to LH needle making one new st, rep twice more but on third st before placing last loop on LH needle, bring yarn through to front of work to form a dividing strand between last two sts. Turn work

❑ Sl one st from LH needle to RH needle, k2tog, k3

❑ Rep from ** to end of row, ending last rep k2

TO FINISH

- ❑ Next row: k
- ❑ Cast off



To make up

Sew on ten buttons to correspond with your buttonholes, weave in ends. With wrong side facing and buttons done up, sew on your first snap fastener 5cm after each cast on/cast off edge. Sew three more fasteners each side of cast on/cast off edges at further 5cm intervals so that you have four snap fasteners each side of your two edges. Turn garment and with buttons facing sew on corresponding parts of snap fasteners to right side of back of garment **LK**

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 **Stephanie Dosen**
(Quadrille, £14.99)

From an antlered deer hat to a cute fox stole, the multi-talented Stephanie Dosen has compiled a gorgeous range of woodland-inspired patterns, which are beautifully photographed in the heart of the forest. Under the name Tiny Owl Knits, Stephanie's patterns have already caused a storm online, and this collection is sure to confirm her star status in the knitsphere. www.bookdepository.co.uk



Merry Christmas Sweaters Knit Christmas Stockings

 **Sue Stratford**
(Search Press, £9.99)

Christmas jumpers took the UK by storm last December thanks to Save the Children's campaign. Sue Stratford has been busy designing quirky sweaters which fit this trend perfectly. The book contains basic sweater patterns for adult and children's sizes, followed by six different motifs. There are projects for all skill levels, from an easy Christmas pudding to complex Fair Isle.

To win a copy of Merry Christmas Sweaters, along with festive buttons and a Knitol kit, turn to page 58.
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 **Ed. Gwen W. Steege**
(Storey Publishing, £8.99)

Knit Christmas Stockings features a fabulous range of festive stockings by six different designers, from the spectacularly adorned to the subtle stitch patterns. Stockings are a great knit for Christmas, as they not only make fantastic decorations, but will be well-loved for the expectation of presents to come. Plus, once knitted, they can be used over and over again, for years to come. Knit Christmas Stockings includes several adaptable patterns, which means you can make your pieces totally unique. www.amazon.co.uk



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Mette Handberg (Search Press, £10.99)

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MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

One size to fit average head:
55cm/60cm
Length: 44cm
Width: 23cm unstretched

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Rowan Fine Art, shade 305 Kingfisher, one 100g hank
Needles: 2.75mm straight, 2.75mm (40cm) circular
Stitch marker
Tapestry needle



ABOUT THE YARN

Rowan Fine Art is a variegated sock yarn made from a blend of wool, mohair, silk and polyamide which can be machine washed at 30°C.

Need an alternative yarn?

Regia Design Line 4ply is a machine-washable variegated yarn made from 75% wool and 25% polyamide. Be sure to knit a tension square if replacing the yarn.

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**knit
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Rowan Fine Art costs £13.99 per 100g (400m) ball from 01925 764231, www.blacksheepwools.com



Regia Design Line 4ply costs £4.29 per 50g (210m) ball from 01789 773021, www.wisegadger.com

LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE ACCESSORY PATTERN

Twister

by *Veronica Shaw* is a unisex *cowl* that can also be worn as a *beanie*

Inspired by the walkers' garment known as a 'buff', this versatile piece can be worn in lots of different ways! While most easily used as a snug cowl, it can also be twisted at the centre or two thirds and folded back on itself to create a beanie-style hat - visit YouTube for a demonstration. Plus, knitting through back loops in alternate rows creates a distinctive twisted stocking stitch pattern, which looks great in the variegated yarn.

START KNITTING HERE

Using 2.75mm circular needle, leaving a tail of 30cm and using slip knot method, cast on 160 sts (see Knitwise)

Rnd 1: * k1 tbl, p1, rep from * to end, join work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts, pm
This rnd forms rib
 Rep last rnd 17 times

Main section

Rnd 1: * k1 tbl, rep from * to end
 Rnd 2: k
 Rep Rnds 1-2 to desired length, leaving enough yarn to cast off

knitwise

SLIP KNOT CAST ON: This is a stretchy casting on method that looks great when followed by a rib pattern. Start by making a slip knot with a short tail and placing it on your needle. Then wrap the working yarn around your left thumb from right to left, passing the yarn underneath. Insert the needle through this loop but do not pull tight, and with your right hand, wrap the yarn around the needle as you would to knit. Then pass the thumb loop over the tip of the needle and pull the stitch tight - it will stretch later.

Casting off

Using 2.75mm straight needles:

Step 1: k first two sts
 Step 2: sl the sts pwise back on to LH needle
 Step 3: k these two sts together tbl
 Step 4: k next st
 Rep Steps 2-4 until two sts remain, k2tog tbl, cut yarn and pull through last st
Weave in ends **LK**

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LK DESIGNER VERONICA SHAW

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Atomic Knitting Stitch Markers

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Luxury YARN

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Designette Rosebud Blouse kit

Available in six colours, this kit contains all you need to crochet a beautiful blouse, complete with pearly collar. The 100% wool yarn is dyed with natural materials such as blueberries, sandalwood and poppies. One kit costs £143.75 from 04558 371011, www.designette.co.uk



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Humbug

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STASH
BUSTING
DECS



MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Humbugs before making up (approx): 6cm x 6cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: **Sparkle:** Madeira Nora, (A) shade 325 Gold, (B) shade 358 Green, (C) shade 315 Red, one 25g ball of each; **Berry and Heart:** Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK, (D) shade 887 Emerald, (E) shade 833 Classic Red, one 100g ball of each; **Snowflake:** (F) Patons Fairytale Dreamtime 4ply, shade 00051 White, one 50g ball, (G) Madeira Nora, shade 342 Silver, one 25g ball

Needles: **Sparkle:** 2.75mm double-pointed, 3mm straight; **Berry:** 2.75mm straight, 2.75mm double-pointed, 3mm straight, 3.75mm straight, **Snowflake:** 2.75mm double-pointed, 3mm straight, 3.75mm straight, **Heart:** 2.75mm double-pointed, 3.75mm straight

Sequins: **Sparkle:** snowflake, large, three

Beads: **Sparkle:** green glass, 4mm, five; red glass, 4mm, four; gold glass, 4mm, three; **Berry:** gold glass, 4mm, eight; **Snowflake:** silver glass, 4mm, four; white pearl, 4mm, 19; **Heart:** gold, 4mm, six; green, 4mm, three; red, 4mm, three; red heart, 10mm, three

Fabric: organdy, 6cm x 6cm, three pieces

Seasonal pot pourri (Snowflake)

Wadding

Tapestry Needle

Thread: clear

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

M1R (increase to the right): insert LH needle into back of loop between sts and k into front of st

M1L (increase to the left): insert LH needle into front of loop between sts and k into back of st

MB: make bobble (see Knitwise)

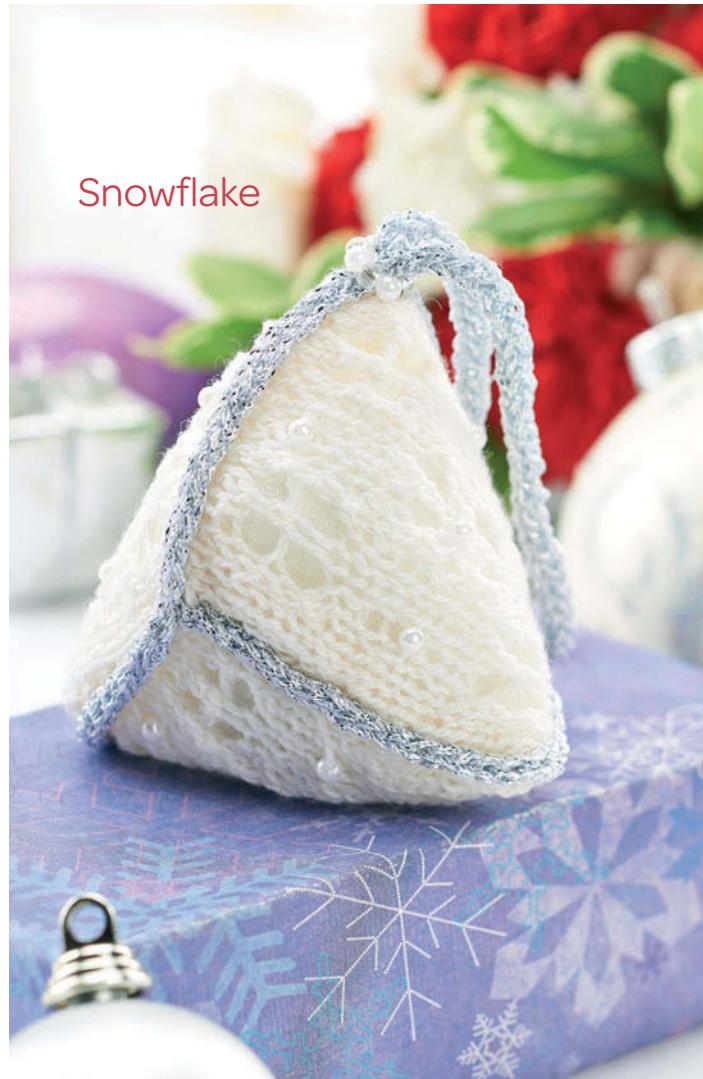
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Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK costs £1.69 per 100g (280m) from **01926 882818**, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

Patons Fairytale Dreamtime 4ply costs £3.75 per 50g (170m) from **01279 771153**, www.modernknitting.co.uk

Madeira Nora costs £6.49 per 25g (100m) from **0844 848 5692**, www.pandurohobby.co.uk



START KNITTING HERE

NOTE: it is essential that each square is made up to the dimensions given

Snowflake Humbug PANEL (make three)

Thread 15 white pearl beads onto yarn

Using 3mm needles and yarn F

ABOUT THE YARN

Madeira Nora is a glittery blend of 80% viscose and 20% metallised polyester, and is available in a range of colours. **Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK** is 100% acrylic, and comes in over 60 different shades. **Patons Fairytale Dreamtime 4ply** is a great quality, pure wool yarn. It comes in various colours, and is machine washable.

Need an alternative yarn? As Christmas Humbugs are so versatile, they are ideal for using up any scraps of yarn you might have hiding at the bottom of your stash.

cast on 19 sts

- Rows 1-3: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 4 (RS): k3, skpo, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k1, pb, k1, skpo, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k3
- Row 5 and every odd row: p
- Row 6: k3, skpo, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k3, skpo, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k3
- Row 8: k
- Row 10: k7, skpo, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, k7
- Row 12: k4, pb, k4, pb, k4, pb, k4
- Row 14: as Row 10
- Row 16: k
- Rows 18 and 20: as Row 6
- Row 21: p9, pb, p9
- Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
- Using 3.75mm needles, cast off pwise

Block Panel to measurements

I-CORD

Using 2.75mm dpns and yarn G, cast on three sts leaving a tail

- Without turning work, make an i-cord 54cm long
- Cast off leaving a tail

knitwise

MAKE BOBBLES

- Row 1 (RS): (k1, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k1) into same st. Five sts
- Row 2: p5, turn
- Row 3: k5, turn
- Row 4: (p2tog) twice, p1, turn. Three sts
- Row 5: sk2po. One st

I-CORD

- Cast on number of sts as instructed for each humbug
- * K to end of row
- Without turning work, slide sts to other end of dpn tightly and pull yarn across back of work
- Rep from * until i-cord is desired length

PLACING A BEAD

- Work to where you're instructed to place the bead
- Bring the yarn forward and slide the bead up the yarn so it's next to the work
- Slip the next stitch from the left to the right hand needle
- Take the yarn to the back of the work leaving bead sitting in front of slipped st

Berry Humbug

PANEL (make three)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn E, cast on 13 sts

- Beg with a k row, work six rows in st st
- Row 7: k5, MB, k1, MB, k5
- Row 8: p
- Row 9: k6, MB, k6
- Beg with a p row, work six rows in st st
- Using 3mm needles cast off

HOLLY LEAVES

(make three)

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn D, cast on three sts

- Row 1 (WS): k1, p1, k1
- Row 2: k1, M1R, k1, M1L, k1. Five sts
- Row 3: k1, M1R, k1, p1, k1, M1L, k1. Seven sts
- Row 4: cast off two sts pwise (one st on RH needle), k4. Five sts
- Row 5: cast off two sts kwise (one st on RH needle), p1, k1. Three sts
- Rep Rows 2-5 once more, then Rows 2-3 once

- Row 12: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. Five sts
- Row 13: p2tog, p1, p2tog. Three sts
- Row 14: sk2po
- Fasten off creating tight point, weave in yarn and secure

I-CORD

Using 2.75mm dpns and yarn D, cast on two sts leaving a tail

- Without turning work, make an i-cord 54cm long
- Cast off leaving a tail

Sparkle Humbug

PANEL (make three)

NOTE: make one in yarn B and two in yarn C

Using 3mm needles cast on 19 sts

- Beg with a p row, work 22 rows in st st
- Cast off

I-CORD

Using 2.75mm dpns and yarn A, cast on three sts leaving a tail

- Without turning work, make an i-cord 54cm long (see Knitwise)
- Cast off leaving a tail

Heart Humbug

PANEL (make three)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn D, cast on 13 sts

- Work 20 rows in garter st, ending after a WS row
- Cast off pwise

I-cord

Using 2.75mm dpns and yarn E, cast on two sts

- Without turning work, make an i-cord 54cm long
- Cast off leaving a tail

To make up

With WS facing using mattress stitch, sew two adjoining sides of two Panels together. Sew three sides of third Panel to three remaining sides of stitched Panels, leaving one side open for wadding. Turn RS out. ** Pad Humbugs with wadding, making sure to poke into corners. Sew remaining side. *** Secure one end of i-cord at a point where corners of three Panels meet, then pin i-cord along each stitched seam of Humbug, securing other end at second point where corners of three Panels



meet, leaving a loop of i-cord at top of Humbug for hanging decoration. Using a sewing needle and clear thread, back stitch through i-cord and Humbug securing length of i-cord in place ***

Snowflake Humbug

Follow To make up instructions to **. Stitch organdy pieces together following Humbug To make up instructions to **. Fill tightly with pot pourri and stitch last side to secure. Place inside Humbug, stuff wadding around pot pourri-filled organdy, making sure to poke wadding into corners and sew remaining side. Continue following To make up instructions from *** to ***. At top of Humbug, thread alternating white pearl and silver beads onto clear thread, for a total of nine beads. Run needle through beads three times and pull tight. Secure and cut

Heart Humbug

At top of Humbug, thread one red, one green and one gold glass bead onto clear thread, repeating three times for a total of nine glass beads. Run needle through beads three times and pull tight. Secure and cut. Using photo as a guide, stitch a button and bead in centre of each side **LK**

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MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Sweater

To fit age (yrs):

4 (6, 8, 10, 12)

Actual chest (cm):

66 (72, 78, 84, 90)

Length from shoulder (cm):

41 (45, 49, 53, 57)

Sleeve length (cm):

41 (45, 50, 55, 59)

Hat

To fit age (yrs):

4-6 (8-10)

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Yarn: Bergere de France Lima,

Sweater: (A) shade 224.871

Toundra, 5 (5, 6, 7, 8) 50g balls,

(B) shade 292.041 Banquise,

(C) shade 226.051 Lave, (D) shade

254.551 Mangrove, (E) shade

226.271 Maquis, one 50g ball of

each, **Hat:** (A) shade 224.871

Toundra, four 50g balls, (B) shade

292.041 Banquise, three 50g balls,

(C) shade 226.051 Lave, two 50g

balls, (D) shade 254.551 Mangrove,

(E) shade 226.271 Maquis, one 50g

ball of each, (F) Bergere de France

Teddy, shade 293.661 Mastic, one

50g ball

Needles: Sweater: 3mm straight, 4mm circular, For both: 3.5mm straight, 4mm straight

Waste yarn



ABOUT THE YARN

The 20% alpaca fibre in **Bergere de France's Lima** gives this wool yarn a lightness and warmth which is ideal for children's knits. Natural fibres are also brilliant for colourwork, but remember they should be hand washed to prevent risk of felting. **Bergere de France Teddy** is a soft, cuddly yarn that has a wonderful fluffy texture.

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Bergere de France Lima costs £3.60 per 50g (110m) ball, **Bergere de France Teddy** costs £4.91 per 50g (80m) ball from 01273 508768, www.cocoonknits.co.uk

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Tracker

is a fabulous *Fair Isle* hat and sweater set from *Bergere de France*

Bright, bold and practical against the elements, this cosy combo is sure to be loved by mum and child alike. Even though the sweater has a yoke design, it is worked in rows on straight needles so you don't have to be daunted by the thought of colourwork in the round. The hat uses a soft and fluffy yarn to add extra warmth to the earflaps. The chart repeats on both the sweater and hat are slightly unusual, so make sure you pay close attention to where the pattern starts and ends for your size.

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SWEATER Back

Using 3mm needles and yarn A cast on 80 (88, 94, 102, 110) sts

□ Row 1: k3 (3, 2, 2, 2), p2, * k2, p2, rep from * to last 3 (3, 2, 2, 2) sts, k3 (3, 2, 2, 2)

□ Row 2: k all p sts and p all k sts from prev row

□ Rep last two rows a further seven times ending after a Row 2 and inc one st on last row. 81 (89, 95, 103, 111) sts

Change to 3.5mm needles and yarn B

□ Beg with a k row work four rows in st st

Change to 4mm needles

□ Next row: starting on 8th (4th, 1st, 5th, 1st) st of Chart A work to end of Chart Row 1, then rep sts 1-24 of Chart Row 1 across row ending after 16th (20th, 23rd, 11th, 15th) st

This row sets placement of Chart

□ Keeping placement correct work Rows 2-11 of Chart A

□ Change to 3.5mm needles and yarn A, cont in st st until work meas 24 (27, 30, 33, 36) cm ending after a WS row

RAGLAN SHAPING

□ Cast off three sts beg of next two rows, then one st at beg of next four rows. 71 (79, 85, 93, 101) sts

Leave sts on waste yarn

Front

Using 3mm needles and yarn A cast on 80 (88, 94, 102, 110) rows

□ Row 1: p3 (3, 0, 0, 0), * k2, p2, rep from * to last 1 (1, 2, 2) sts, k0 (0, 2, 2, 2), p1 (1, 0, 0, 0)

□ Row 2: k all p sts and p all k

sts from prev row

□ Rep last two rows a further seven times ending after a Row 2 and inc one st on last row. 81 (89, 95, 103, 111) sts

□ Cont as for Back until work meas 22 (25, 28, 31, 34) cm ending after a WS row

YOKE EDGE AND RAGLAN

□ Next row (RS): k8, place next 65 (73, 79, 87, 95) sts on to waste yarn, turn

□ Next row: p to end

□ Next row: k5, place rem sts on to same waste yarn, turn

□ Next row: p to end

□ Next row: k3, place rem sts on to same waste yarn, turn

□ Cont in st st on these three sts until work meas 24 (27, 30, 33, 36) cm ending after a WS row

□ Cast off

□ With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem eight sts, k to end

□ Next row: p5, place rem sts on to same waste yarn, turn

□ Next row: k to end

□ Next row: p3, place rem sts on to same waste yarn, turn

□ Cont in st st on these three sts until work meas 24 (27, 30, 33, 36) cm ending after a WS row

□ Cast off

Right sleeve

Using 3mm needles and yarn A cast on 52 (54, 56, 58, 60) sts

□ Row 1: k3 (2, 3, 2, 3), p2, * k2, p2, rep from * to last 3 (2, 3, 2, 3) sts, k3 (2, 3, 2, 3)

□ Row 2: k all p sts and p all k

sts from prev row

□ Rep last two rows a further seven times ending after a Row 2 and inc one st on last row. 53 (55, 57, 59, 61) sts

Change to 3.5mm needles and yarn B

□ Beg with a k row work four rows in st st

Change to 4mm needles and commence Chart A as follows:

□ Starting in 6th (5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st) st of Chart A work to end of Chart Row 1, then rep sts 1-24 of Chart Row 1 across row, ending after 10th (11th, 12th, 13th, 14th) st

This row sets placement of Chart

NOTE: 8th st of Chart should correspond with centre st of row

□ Keeping placement correct work Rows 2-11 of Chart A **AT THE SAME TIME** when work meas 7cm start sleeve shaping below

□ When Chart A is complete, change to 3.5mm needles and yarn A and cont in st st

SLEEVE SHAPING

When work meas 7cm ending after a WS row, commence shaping as follows:

□ Next row (RS): k2, m1, k to

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WASTE YARN VS HOLDERS

Waste yarn is much more flexible than standard stitch holders and can be easily adjusted to accommodate the necessary number of stitches. At several points throughout this pattern you are adding unworked stitches to the waste yarn every few rows. Sometimes this is not possible with a regular stitch holder, due to the direction of holder's opening in relation to the working stitches. Waste yarn allows you to add stitches on both ends.

last two sts, m1, k2. 55 (57, 59, 61, 63) sts
□ Cont to inc as set on foll 10th (10th, 8th, 8th, 8th) row 2 (3, 8, 8, 9) times, then on foll 8th (8th, 0, 6th, 6th) row 3 (3, 0, 2, 3) times. 65 (69, 75, 81, 87) sts
□ Cont without shaping until work meas 24 (27, 31, 35, 39) cm ending after a WS row

RAGLAN SHAPING

□ ** Next row (RS): cast off three sts, cut yarn, place st from RH needle and next 47 (51, 57, 63, 69) sts on to waste yarn, rejoin yarn to rem 14 sts, patt to end
□ Next row: cast off three sts, patt to last three sts, place rem sts on to same waste yarn, turn. Eight sts
□ Next row: patt to end
□ Next row: cast off one st, patt to last three sts, place rem sts on to same waste yarn, turn. Four sts
□ Next row: patt to end
□ Next row: cast off one st, place rem three sts on to same waste yarn **

Left sleeve

□ Work as for Right sleeve to raglan shaping

RAGLAN SHAPING

□ Next row (RS): k to end
□ Rep from ** to ** with first cast-off row on WS

Yoke

Using 4mm circular needle pick up 71 (79, 85, 93, 101) sts from Back, 57 (61, 67, 73, 79) sts from Right sleeve, 75 (83, 89, 97, 105) sts from Front and 57 (61, 67, 73, 79) sts from Left sleeve. 260 (284, 308, 336, 364) sts

□ Next row: k55 (59, 65, 71, 77), [k2tog] twice, k71 (79, 85, 93, 101), [k2tog] twice, k53 (57, 63, 69, 75), [k2tog] twice, k69 (77, 83, 91, 99). 254 (278, 302, 330, 358) sts
□ Work one row without shaping
□ Next row: k2, * k2tog, k8, rep from * to last 12 (16, 10, 18, 16) sts, k2tog, k10 (14, 8, 16, 14). 229 (251, 272, 298, 323) sts
□ Cont in st st work 1 (1, 1, 3, 5) rows without shaping
□ Work Rows 1-39 (39, 43, 43, 43) of Chart B **AT THE SAME TIME** work shaping as folls:

KEEP KNITTING ON P82



YOKE SHAPING

Dec on 1st (1st, 5th, 5th, 5th) row as follows:

- Dec row: k2, * k2tog, k7, rep from * to last 11 (15, 9, 17, 15) sts, k2tog, k9 (13, 7, 15, 13). 204 (224, 242, 266, 288) sts
- NOTE:** motifs do repeat but not always in line because of decreasing
- Work three rows without shaping
- Next row: k2, * k2tog, k6, rep from * to last 10 (14, 8, 16, 14) sts, k2tog, k8 (12, 6, 14, 12). 179 (197, 212, 234, 253) sts
- Work nine rows without shaping
- Next row: k2, * k2tog, k5, rep from * to last 9 (13, 7, 15, 13) sts, k2tog, k7 (11, 5, 13, 11) sts. 154 (170, 182, 202, 218) sts
- Work five rows without shaping
- Next row: k2, * k2tog, k4, rep from * to last 8 (12, 6, 14, 12) sts, k2tog, k6 (10, 4, 12, 10) sts. 129 (143, 152, 170, 183) sts
- Work nine rows without shaping
- Next row: k2, * k2tog, k3, rep from * to last 7 (11, 5, 13, 11) sts,

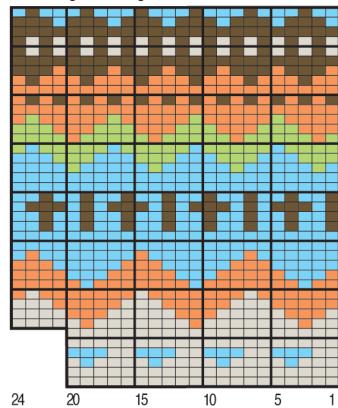


"The colourwork pattern for this design does not have full pattern repeats so read the instructions very carefully before you begin"

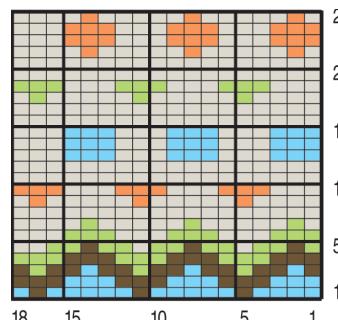
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CHART B

Sizes 4 yrs & 6 yrs



HAT CHART



k2tog, k5 (9, 3, 11, 9) sts. 104 (116, 122, 138, 148) sts

Work eight rows without shaping

NOTE: Chart B is now complete

Change to 3.5mm needles and yarn B

Next row (WS): p to end

Next row: k2, * k2tog, k2, rep from * to last 6 (10, 4, 12, 10) sts, k2tog, k4 (8, 2, 10, 8) sts. 79 (89, 92, 106, 113) sts

Work 1 (3, 1, 3, 5) rows without shaping

Change to 3mm needles and yarn A

Work ten rows in [k2, p2] rib dec 1 (7, 2, 12, 15) sts evenly across first row. 78 (82, 90, 94, 98) sts

Cast off

cast on 15 sts

Beg with a k row, work ten rows in st st

Next row: k2, k2tog, work to last four sts, sl 1, k1, pss0, k2. 13 sts

Dec one st as set at each end of foll fourth row twice. Nine sts

Next row: p

Change to 3.5mm needles and yarn B

Next row: k to end inc six sts evenly across row. 15 sts

Next row: p

Next row: k2, m1, k to last two sts, m1, k2. 17 sts

Inc one st as set at each end of foll fourth row twice. 21 sts

Beg with a p row work 11 rows in st st

Leave sts on a holder

Change to yarn F

Beg with a k row work 11 (13) rows in st st

Cast off

To make up

With WS together fold yarn F section of Earflap to meet seam of Main section. Sew together

Borders

Using 4mm needles and yarn F, with RS facing pick up and k 11 (12) sts along right edge, 40 sts around the left Earflap. 51 (52) sts

Next row (WS): k

Cast off all sts pwise

Using 4mm needles and yarn F, with RS facing pick up and k 40 sts around right Earflap, 11 (14) sts along left edge

Next row (WS): k

Cast off all sts pwise

Using 4mm needles and yarn F, with RS facing pick up and k 27 (30) sts between Earflaps

Next row (WS): k

Cast off all sts pwise

Join edges of borders

Main section

Using 4mm needles and yarn B cast on 12 (15) sts, pick up 21 sts from first Earflap, cast on 35 (39) sts, pick up 21 sts from second Earflap, cast on 12 (15) sts. 101 (111) sts

Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st

Starting in 6th (1st) st of Hat Chart, work to end of Chart Row 1, then rep sts 1-18 of Chart Row 1 across row, ending after 16th (3rd) st

Keeping Chart placement correct, work Rows 2-25 of Chart

Change to 3.5 mm needles and yarn A

Next row: p

Next row: k 2 (3), * k2tog, k7, rep from * to end. 90 (99) sts

Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st

Next row: k 2 (3), * k2tog, k6, rep from * to end. 79 (87) sts

Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st

Next row: k 2 (3), * k2tog, k5, rep from * to end. 68 (75) sts

Working one less st between decs on each dec row, cont to dec 11 (12) sts on foll 2nd (4th) row, then on every RS row four times. 13 (15) sts

Next row: p

Next row: k1, [k2tog] to end. 7 (8) sts

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

To make up

Sew Peak to hat between two Earflaps using photo on prev page as a guide. Fold Peak in half with WS together and sew in place. Fold Peak back on to hat and sew in place.

Sew side seam. Using yarn F make two 30cm twisted cords and sew to bottom of each Earlap **LK**

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Peak

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Beg with a k row work 16 (18) rows in st st

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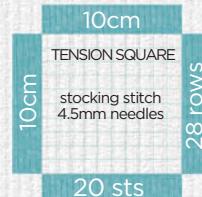
Ripple: 35cm (length) x 20cm (width at widest point)

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Regia Angora Merino, shade 07082 Aqua, two 50g balls

Needles: 4.5mm double-pointed, set of five

Cable needle



ABOUT THE YARN

Regia Angora Merino is a gorgeous blend of 65% wool, 25% polyamide, and 10% angora. It's machine washable, so there's no need to worry about any little spills.

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DOUBLE-POINTED NEEDLES

DPNS are a way of working small projects in the round. Needle 1 is the first you will start using, and they are then numbered clockwise from there.

Turn to page 70 for a way of keeping your project together while you're not knitting it.



"Ripple is knitted with double thread to make it extra thick and insulating. It's perfect for warming you up on a bitter winter's day."

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Bottom

NOTE: Work with double thread throughout
Using scrap yarn and four dpns cast on 80 sts. 20 sts on each needle

□ Join in the rnd and with double thread cont in the main yarn in st st until work meas 9cm
□ Starting with a p rnd, cont in garter st across 40 sts on Needles 1 and 2 for overlap; cont with st st across 40 sts on Needles 3 and 4. Work two rnds
□ Rnd 3: Work three buttonholes as folls: from start of rnd work 7 in patt, * p2tog, yrn, p2tog, work 7 in patt, rep

from * twice

□ Rnd 4: Work in patt k1tbl into yrn from prev row
□ Cont until garter st section meas 2cm
□ Using garter st, cast off sts across Needles 1 and 2, leave rem sts on Needles 3 and 4 on a holder

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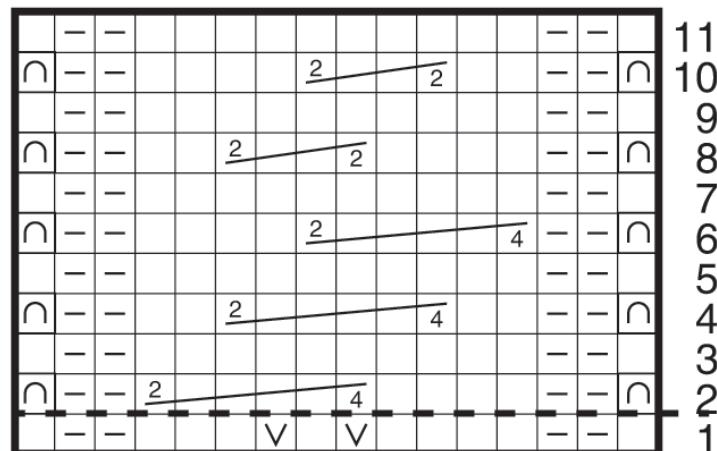
Using 4mm needles, cast on 40 sts

□ Work seven rows in garter st
Transfer sts to Needles 1 and 2, cont in st st for one rnd
□ Next rnd: beg cable patt on last seven sts on Needle 1, and first seven sts on Needle 2 (see chart), inc two sts on first rnd as shown. 82 sts

□ Cont in st st with cable panel as set until work meas 26cm
□ Dec at each end as folls: Needles 1 and 3: k1, skpo, k rem sts; Needles 2 and 4: k to three sts from end, k2tog, k1, rep these decs on every rnd eight more times. 46 sts
□ Work 5cm in patt, k2tog twice above Cable in last rnd. 44 sts
□ Work five rnds in garter st
□ Cast off

To make up

Lay cover flat, remove waste thread, and slip sts evenly across onto the dpn. Graft seam closed using Kitchener Stitch. Sew buttons to underlap, secure overlap at side edges. **LK**



Legend

- = K1
- = P1
- ✓ = m1k tbl
- = sl 1 pwise wyib
- = sl 2 sts onto cn and leave at back of work, k2, k2 from cn
- = sl 2 sts onto cn and leave at back of work, k4, k2 from cn



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There's lots for knitters to enjoy at Christmas: adding to their stash, having some 'me time' to finally finish that project or start a new one - oh, and don't forget the chocolate and the odd glass of wine!

At the moment Tricia has about four knitting and design projects on the go: some leg warmers, a cowl, a scarf, and a clutch bag.

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Find out all the hot gossip from your favourite knitting and yarn stores around the UK

Cool colours

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New Beginnings

Black Hills has reopened its knitting shop in Oxfordshire for the winter season. Its wide selection of yarns includes an exclusive range made from 100% natural undyed New Zealand wool. Henley Hare is an exclusive pattern to knit using Black Hills yarn. The shop can be found at 4 High Street, Watlington, Oxfordshire, OX49 5PS. Orders can also be made from **01491 614342**, www.blackhillsyarn.co.uk



Turn the tables

Keep these pages handy to guide you on your way

YARN WEIGHTS

YARN TYPE	STANDARD TENSION	STANDARD NEEDLE SIZE
Lace	30-33 sts-36-50 rows	2mm-3mm
4ply	28 sts-36 rows	3.25mm
DK	22 sts-28 rows	4mm
Aran	18 sts-24 rows	5mm
Chunky	14 sts-19 rows	6.5mm
Super Chunky	9 sts-12 rows	10mm

NEEDLE SIZING

UK (mm)	U.S.A	Old UK/Canada
2	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4	6	8
4.5	7	7
5	8	6
5.5	9	5
6	10	4
6.5	10 1/2	3
7	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
15	-	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
20	36	-
25	50	-

“Using the correct size of needles for the yarn weight helps to produce a taut, neat fabric”



Step on to the scales

Just like tension, the weight of yarn can greatly affect the outcome of your work – which is especially disorientating when, as with needle sizing, yarn weights differ from country to country. Here is a rough guide to US yarn weights and their equivalents

US TERM	UK EQUIVALENT
Light fingering	3 ply
Fingering	4 ply
Sport light worsted/DK	Light DK
Worsted	DK
Aran	Between DK and Aran
Bulky	Chunky
Super bulky	Superchunky

ABBREVIATIONS

o	no stitches, times or rows
-	no stitches, times or rows for that size
alt	alternate
approx	approximately
beg	beginning
bet	between
C4F	(cable 4 front) slip two stitches on to cable needle, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle
C4B	(cable 4 back) slip two stitches onto cable needle, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle
ch	chain stitch
ch sp	chain space
circ	circular needles
cm	centimetres
cn	cable needle
cont	continue (ing)
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	(insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, pull through loop) twice, yarn over hook, pull through all three loops on hook
dec	decrease (ing)
dpn	double pointed needle
dtr	double treble crochet
fol	following
htr	half treble crochet
inc	increase (ing)
k	knit
kfb	knit into the front and back of the next stitch
k2tog	knit two stitches together
kw	knitwise
lp	loop
m1	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
m1p	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and purling into the back of it
meas	measure (s)
mm	millimetres
N1 (2,3)	needle 1 (2,3)
p	purl
pb	place bead
pfb	purl into the front and back of next st
pm	place marker
p2tog	purl two stitches together
prev	previous
pss0	pass slipped stitch over and off needle
p2sso	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle
pwise	purlwise
rem	remain (ing)
rep	repeat (ing)
rev st st	reverse stocking stitch (p on RS row, k on WS row)
rm	remove marker
RS	right side
skpo	slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
sk2po	slip next stitch purlwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over and off needle
sl 2, k1, p2sso	slip next two stitches knitwise at the same time, knit one, pass both slipped stitches over
sl 1	slip one stitch
sl st	slip stitch
sm	slip marker
ssk	one by one slip the next two stitches knitwise. Put your left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
st (s)	stitch (es)
st st	stocking stitch (k on RS row, p on WS row)
tbl	through the back loop (s)
tr	treble crochet
w & t	(on knit rows) take the yarn between the needles to the back of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn (on purl rows) take the yarn between the needles to the front of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn
ws	wrong side
wyib	with yarn in back
wyif	with yarn in front
yb	yarn back
yfwd	yarn forward (between knit stitches)
yo	work yfwd/yon/yrn as appropriate
yoh	yarn over hook
yon	yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
yrn	yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)
y2rn	wrap yarn twice around needle
*	repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as instructed
○ []	work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed

ESSENTIAL INFO

Everything you need to start knitting now!

Tension headache

The tension square is not the most exciting part of any project but it's one of the most important, particularly where garments are concerned. Ensuring you have the correct number of stitches and rows across your 10cm swatch is crucial to getting the right measurements and a good fit. Here's how to do it:



Using the yarn and needles recommended in the pattern, cast on the number of stitches given in the tension square plus six more. In this case you would need to cast on a total of 24 stitches (18+6). Making sure your stitches are not too tight or too loose, and working a knit stitch at each end of every row to prevent curling, work in

stocking stitch unless another stitch is specified until the piece measures 14cm. Cast off

Each knitted stitch is signified by one complete 'V' shape, so lay a ruler horizontally across your swatch, use marker pins to indicate 10cm and count the number of stitches, including half stitches. Do the same with the rows. Now compare this to the recommended tension.

If there are too many stitches your tension is too tight - switch to a larger set of needles and try again. Similarly, if there are too few stitches your knitting is too loose - try with smaller size needles.



SUBSTITUTION

Substituting the specified yarn for a different one can be an excellent solution to the problem of yarn that's hard to find or out of your price range, but you need to know the facts and avoid certain pitfalls!

Make sure the yarn you choose has a tension that's as close as possible to the yarn suggested for



the pattern. It might be possible to correct slight variations by changing the needle size but too much difference will result in an odd looking fabric, so where possible substitute a DK weight yarn for another DK and so on.

Give consideration to the content of the yarn and how this might affect the finished project. For example, a wool yarn knits up into a fabric that's warm and light whereas cotton is cooler and much heavier. Information on the properties of individual yarns is available on the internet so do your research!

It seems like an obvious point but if your project will need to be washed often, ensure that the substitute yarn is water-safe (also known as 'superwash' or 'easycare'). If not it could shrink and felt beyond recognition!

Pattern Updates

Here at LK we try our hardest to make sure our patterns are free from errors, but sometimes they do slip through the net. Here you will find our latest pattern updates; we apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have any queries about one of our patterns, please call 01206 508622 or email support@letsknit.co.uk. For further updates visit www.letsknit.co.uk



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There is an instruction missing on Row 61. It should read:
k2, skpo, **k2**, k2tog, k2. Eight sts

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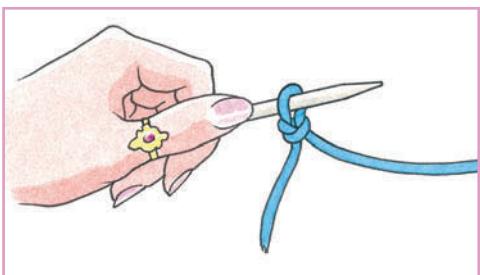


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Making a slip knot



1 Holding the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, and pull the second loop under the first.



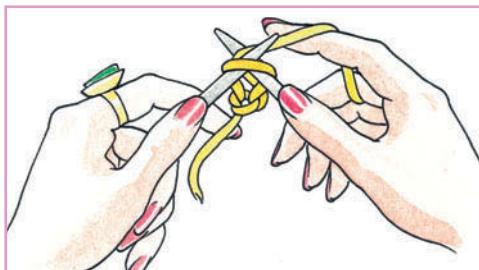
2 Remove the two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.



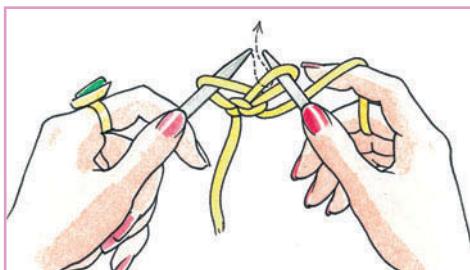
3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the left needle and returning the new stitches from the right to the left needle until you have the required number of stitches.

Cast on

Casting on is the basis of all knitting. There are several different ways to do it, but the two-needle method shown below is often considered the simplest to master.



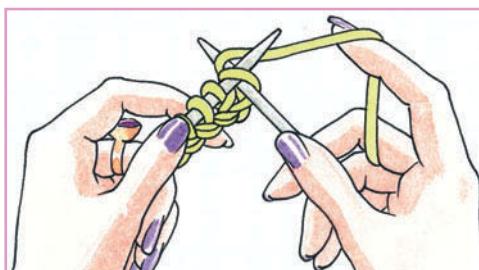
1 Create a slipknot on your left hand needle, pulling it taut (but not too tight). Carefully insert the right needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the point of the right needle.



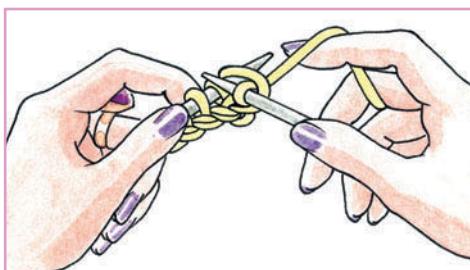
2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch (knot) and insert the tip of the left hand needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer it from the right hand to the left hand needle. There should now be two stitches on the left hand needle.

Knit stitch

Similar to the cast on method (above), the knit stitch is the staple of all knitting (hence the name). Shown below is the English knitting style.



1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the right needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the left needle. The right hand needle should sit behind the left hand one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the tip of the right hand needle.

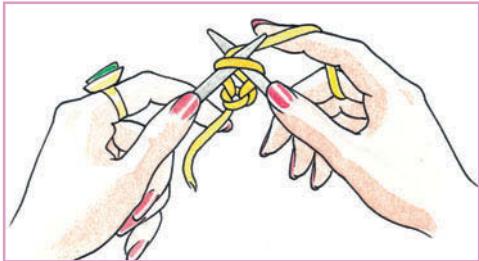


2 Using the right hand needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the right hand needle.



3 Slide the original stitch off the left hand needle. Repeat from step one. You are now knitting! The knit stitch can be combined with other stitches to create hundreds of different stitch patterns.

Cable cast on



1 Create a slipknot on your left hand needle, pulling it taut (but not too tight). Carefully insert the right needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the point of the right needle.



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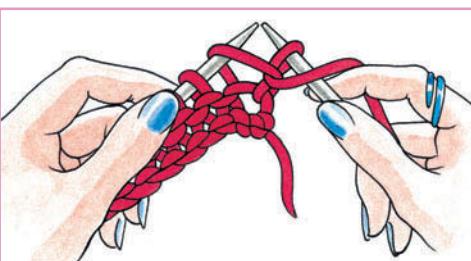


3 Insert the right needle between the two stitches on the left needle and wrap the yarn around the needle tip anticlockwise. Draw this loop through to make a stitch and slip it up and onto the left needle. Repeat this creating a new loop behind the last stitch and passing it left needle in front of the previous one.

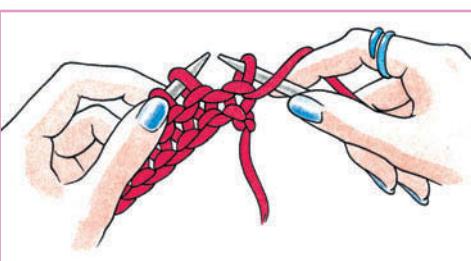
Purl stitch



1 With the ball end of the yarn at the front (toward you) insert the tip of the right hand needle into the front loop of the first stitch from the right to left and with the right hand needle in front of the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the right hand needle.



2 Draw the needle backwards and upwards, forming a new stitch on the right hand needle.



3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the right hand needle you can let the loop from the left needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purled and you have complete the row.

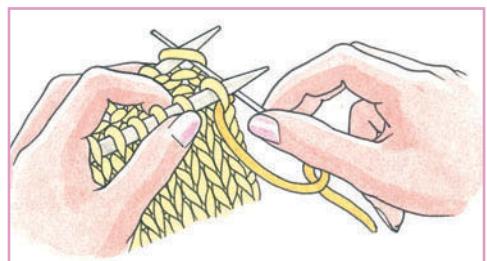
Graft the toe



Kitchener Stitch is the method used to achieve this. It is worked as follows:

SET UP: Before starting you need to prepare the stitches on the needle. Hold the two needles with the remaining stitches parallel. The loose end of yarn should be coming from the back needle and lying to the right of the work.

1 Thread yarn end onto a tapestry needle and insert it purlwise into the first stitch on the needle closest to you. Pull the yarn through but leave the stitch on the needle.



2 Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.



3 Having set up as shown in steps 1 and 2, repeat steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been grafted. Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and slide the stitch off. Before you pull the yarn through this stitch insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the front needle purlwise and pull the yarn through, this time leaving the stitch on the needle.

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Helping hand

If you need a refresher on basic knitting techniques, visit our website www.letsknit.co.uk. You'll also find the following step-by-step instructions in the magazine.

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4 Insert the tapestry needle purlwise into the first stitch on the back needle and slide it off. Before pulling the yarn through this stitch, insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the back needle knitwise and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.

Final Stages

Finish your project like a pro with these handy guides

On the blocks

Blocking is the process of stretching and shaping your finished items to create the correct dimensions from the pattern. It is also really useful for ensuring that pieces to be joined fit well together. There are a few different ways to achieve this, so check the information on the yarn ball band and pick the most suitable option.

Wet blocking

Dampen the pieces so that they are wet through and gently push out excess water. Spread the sections out on a towel to air dry. Use a tape measure to ensure each part is the correct dimensions to that of the pattern and pin into the required shape.

For a more gentle option, try pinning it in place and lightly spraying with a water spray. This is ideal for really delicate materials like cashmere which can be damaged by too much water.



Steam iron blocking

Place a dampened cloth on top of the separate sections of your knitting. Work gently over this with a very hot iron, be careful not to let the iron come into direct contact with the knitting as it can damage the work. Continue to press the work until the cloth is dry and the knitted fibres have been loosened by the steam. Then, pin the pieces to the desired shape and measurements and leave to set.

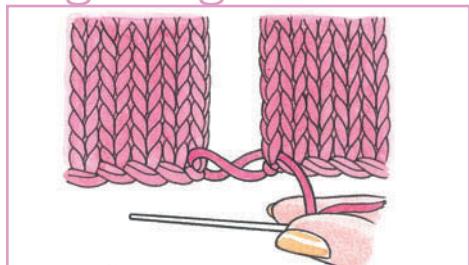


At a loose end?

Follow these steps for sewing in any loose ends:

- 1 Thread the yarn onto a tapestry needle and work with the WS of the knit facing upwards.
- 2 Insert the needle under the loop of each stitch, and draw it through. Work it up and down the loops of the stitches for 8cm.
- 3 Cut the yarn close to the fabric.
- 4 If you are weaving at a colour change, be sure to work the loose end into the corresponding colour to prevent it from being visible at the front of the work.

Beginning a seam

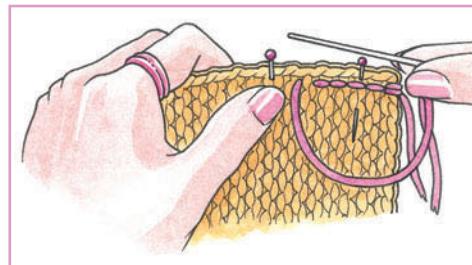


1 With the pieces to be joined placed next to each other with right side upwards, thread the tapestry needle and push it through the fabric after the first stitch, moving the needle from front to back. Then, take the needle and push it through after the first stitch on the second piece, moving the needle from the back of the work to the front. The yarn will form a figure 8. Tug gently to secure.

Back stitch



1 Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.



2 Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

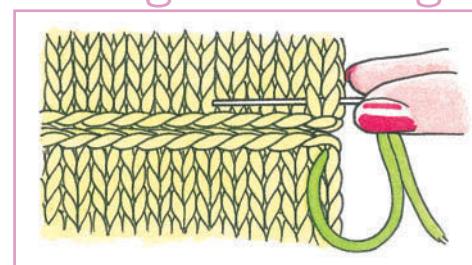
Mattress stitch



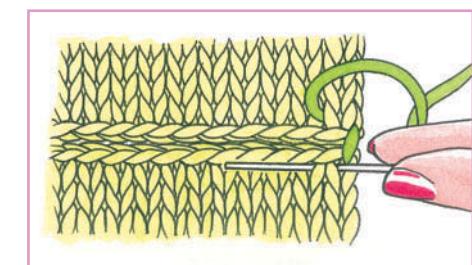
1 With the two pieces to be joined lying next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with the tapestry needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side.

2 Repeat this moving from one piece to the next and pulling the yarn to tighten the join.

Joining cast off edges



1 Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



2 Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

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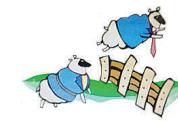
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My first knitting memory was making a red cardigan for my doll, Betty. I've always loved to design, and my love of knitting came from realising that there were endless possibilities with the knitted stitch.

All my designs originate from how my yarns behave. For instance, yarns that give great clarity of stitch are ideal for interesting texture, whereas I'll focus on flowing designs from yarns that drape beautifully. As well as being aware of the trends for colour and shape I am passionate about designing shapes that flatter and fit women.

I feel very privileged to have a successful career doing something I love. In order to create my own yarns I start out by visiting the Pitti Filati trade show in Florence twice a year and looking at the new developments. Sometimes I see a yarn I love straight away but usually I then work with the manufacturer to develop something which is exactly what I want. I also have to consider price and some yarns I fall in love with may be too expensive to be commercially viable.

MY Pick

Debbie's favourite yarns in her current range

I don't really have a stash as such as all the yarns I have in my house are Debbie Bliss yarns! However I do have some special favourites.

Paloma A chainette yarn that feels absolutely wonderful to knit and wear. It's a super chunky weight so knits up quickly but produces incredibly light garments.

Baby Cashmerino This is the most successful of all my yarns. It is a beautiful

cashmere blend that is machine washable so not only soft against a baby's skin but also practical.

Eco Baby The same weight as Baby Cashmerino but a soft organic cotton that is perfect for those who don't like wool next to the skin.

Blue Faced Leicester Aran and DK I am proud of the fact that this lovely yarn is made from the fleece of British sheep and spun dyed and balled in Yorkshire.

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I designed Save the Children's mini knitted jumper for their Christmas Jumper campaign this year. The charity is urging

everyone to wear a Christmas jumper on 13th December 2013 and donate £1 to Save the Children. If you want to take part and don't have time to knit a full-size jumper then my pattern can be downloaded from the website www.christmasjumperday.org.

I'm very excited about my latest yarn and pattern collections. I have just launched two new yarns for Autumn/Winter 2013 - Milano, a unique tweed style yarn, and Blue Faced Leicester Double Knitting to join the popular Blue Faced Leicester Aran. These both come with 12 design booklets. There are also new designs in the form of five designs booklets for Paloma, Blue Faced Leicester Aran and Winter Garden. The collections are called Winter Brights, Weekender and Rustic Knits.

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